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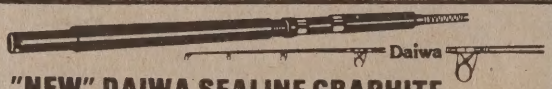

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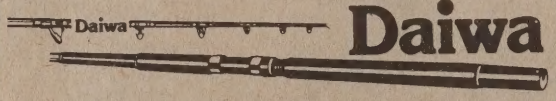

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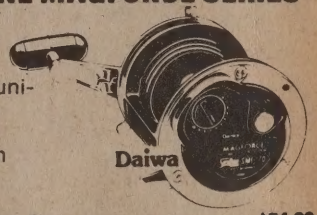

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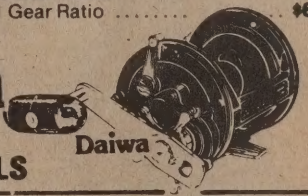

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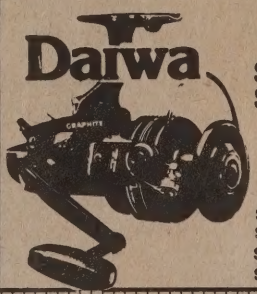

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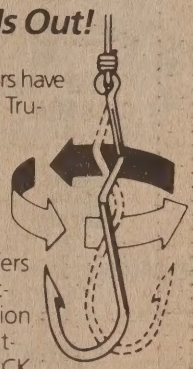

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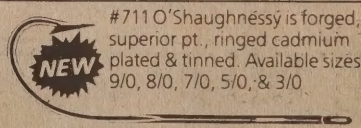

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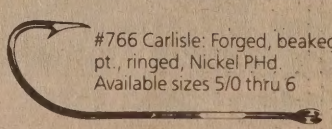

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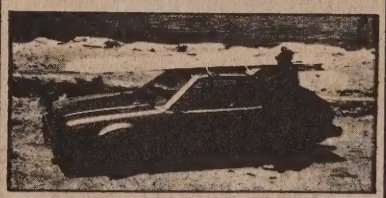
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SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF ECONOMICS; WILL USE ECONOMIC DATA TO STRENGTHEN SPORT FISHING IN THE UNITED STATES

The Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) is pleased to announce the appointment of David B. Rockland, Ph.D, as its new Director of Economics. Dr. Rockland will be responsible for developing the Sport Fishing Economics Data Center at SFI. Dr. Rockland will identify, collect, analyze, interpret, and disseminate economic data that are relevant to sport fishing for use by SFI and the entire sport fishing community.

More specifically, Dr. Rockland will provide expertise on the proper application of sport fishing economics in legislative testimony, and develop "extension" services to sport fishing advocacy groups on fishery economic techniques and data bases. He will also integrate the Sport Fishing Economic Data Center into SFI's other programs.

Gil Radonski, President of SFI, commented, "The Board of Directors and staff of SFI are very excited by our appointment of Dr. Rockland to head our new Economics program. SFI is responding to the needs of the sport fishing community by establishing the Sport Fishing Economics Data Center. SFI's strongest arguments for fair treatment of sport fishing programs have occurred when hard economic facts, which are necessary to define cost-benefit ratios and determine sport fishing's impact, were available and used to support our case."

Dr. J. Frank Cogdell, Jr., Chairman of the Board of SFI and head of the Stren Fishing Line Division of duPont, remarked, "The Sport Fishing Economics Data Center is urgently needed because decisions made over the next several years affecting the sport fishery resource will be in the hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars. Through the use of sound economic data, SFI should be able to enlist broad-based support for greater governmental investment in the common property fishery resource, based on the premise that such investments will provide a several-fold rate of return."

Dr. Rockland was previously employed as a project manager and senior economist with Centaur Associates, Inc., in Washington, D.C. At Centaur, Dr. Rockland was the principal investigator on the study entitled, "Economic Activity Associated with Marine Recreational Fishing in 1980," prepared for SFI. In addition, Dr. Rockland conducted and directed several studies involving economic impact assessment and evaluation related to fisheries and other environmental issues. Prior to his employment with Centaur, Dr. Rockland was a private consultant to Delaware's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Parks and Recreation, and the University of Delaware.

Dr. Rockland completed a Ph.D. in Marine Studies/Resource Economics and an M.A. in Economics at the University of Delaware. He received a B.A. in Economics from Rutgers University. His doctoral dissertation, an economic evaluation analysis of the recreational and commercial fisheries in Delaware, was used to resolve conflicts between the two user groups.

The Sport Fishing Institute, founded in 1949 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the nation's premier conservation organization focusing on creating more and better sport fishing opportunities through education, research, professional service, advocacy and training programs.

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM BEGINS

Beginning this fall, Cornell Cooperative Extension is starting a master angler training program. The training program is a 13-week, in-depth angling course that will be held at the Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge in Islip, New York. The class topics include fisheries ecology, fisheries management, fishing techniques, conservation laws, seafood handling, fishing trip safety, sport fishing promotion, sportsmanship and ethics, and teaching techniques.

The training program is free to qualified applicants. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings and will run from 7:30 through 9:30 PM, beginning September 17, 1985. Instructors include staff from Cooperative Extension, Sea Grant, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and recognized fishing experts.

The training program is open to any person with an interest in fishing; however, preference will be given to people who have some previous expereince and skills fishing locally.

Upon graduating from the program, master anglers will be expected to volunteer some time to re-teach things they have learned to other people. This will be their way of "paying" for their free training.

A goal of the program is to help people get started in the sport of fishing, and helping others improve their fishing skills. Other important goals of the program are to teach sportsmanship, and respect and care for our fisheries resource. Master anglers will be people who help Cooperative Extension achieve these goals.

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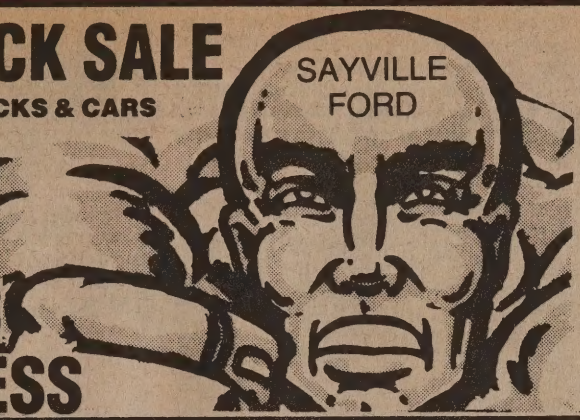

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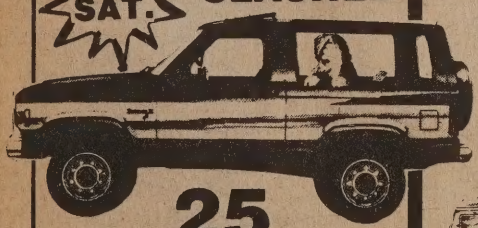

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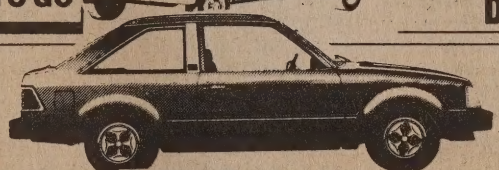

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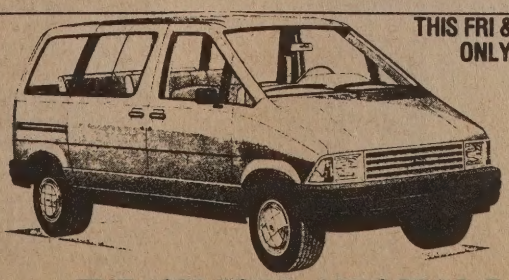

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MERRICK ROD & GUN CLUB FLUKE TRIP

On July 14th, the Merrick Rod and Gun Club held its 5th Annual Family Fluke trip on the Chinco III out of Seaford Harbor. Fifty-three members and guests enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of fishing. Largest fluke was caught by Wally Lepkin of Seaford.

Fishermen interested in joining our Seaford Harbor based club, please contact Bill Richko at (516) 826-7887 after 7PM weekdays.

10TH NORWALK BOAT SHOW IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

The Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show, the largest in-water boat show in the Northeast, will mark its 10th anniversary September 26th through 29th, featuring close to 600 boats, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), producer of the show.

The five-acre Cove Marina in East Norwalk, Connecticut, will represent a comprehensive overview of the sophisticated boating world for four days while the show's record fleet is on display.

More than 300 representatives of the marine industry will be exhibiting a wide variety of craft for everyone, ranging in size from 7 to 63 feet in length and in style from daysailors, runabouts, inflatables and dinghies to sport fishing boats, high-performance boats and luxury motor yachts. At least 131 major boat lines will be represented at the show, with many manufacturers introducing boats new for the 1986 model year. In addition to the array of pleasure craft, exhibitors will display engines, electronics, navigational equipment, accessories, boating apparel, nautical furniture, artwork, literature, insurance and finance products.

Special attractions at this year's show include the 10th Anniversary Great Boat Giveaway. A prize boat awaits the lucky visitor who wins. Connecticut residents may want to stay tuned to WEBE-FM, the official giveaway station which will be broadcasting news of the event starting three weeks prior to the show.

Another major new attraction at this year's Norwalk international In-Water Boat Show will be the Action Arena, which will offer activities and products for both sailboat and powerboat enthusiasts alike. Featured in this area will be an array of sailboats, water skis, rowing shells, dinghies, inflatables, catamarans and one-designs for those whose idea of fun in the sun is water-related sports.

For those who have always wanted to learn to water-ski, NMMA's water ski tank will make its Northeast debut as part of the Action Arena. Professional water skiers will give daily demonstrations and lessons on water skiing fundamentals.

The Norwalk International In-Water Boat Show will run from Thursday, September 26th through Sunday, September 29th at East Norwalk's Cove Marina, exit 16 off the Connecticut Turnpike. Hours are 10AM until 7PM daily with $2 parking on-site for 2000 cars. Admission Friday through Sunday is $6 for adults and $2 for children under 12; admission Thursday, Red Carpet Day, a preview day for serious shoppers, is $10.

FISHERMEN'S FUND MAY STAY INTACT

Chances are good that the Administration's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) plan is dead to raid the fisherman-supported fund to improve fishing and boating in the United States. The plan was devised to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Senator Malcolm Wallop (R-WY) and Rep. John Breaux (D-LA) have prevailed on the Senate and House of Representatives to drop the OMB's plan from the budget bills.

The money in question is the Dingell/Johnson Fund. It is supported by an excise tax, borne by fishermen and boaters, on boats, fishing gear and marine fuel. The money is distributed to the states, currently to the tune of over $70 million annually.

SPORT FISHERY RESEARCH FOUNDATION FUNDS TEN NEW FISHERIES RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Executive Committee of the Sport Fishery Research Foundation (SFRF) recently awarded grants in support of ten research projects whose results will strengthen sport fishing in the United States.

"Since 1950," commented Benjamin Hardesty, President of SFRF, "the Sport Fishery Research Foundation and the Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) have awarded cash grants totaling almost $1,000,000 for graduate fellowships, university staff research, professional development coursework, and special fisheries resource projects, such as symposia dealing with critical environmental issues."

"The SFRF and the SFI," continued Mr. Hardesty, "have been pioneers in the funding of fishery research and management projects. More than any other single private source, they have influenced the quality and direction of fisheries science and management techniques. We are justly proud of our achievements over the years, and we will continue to expand training and research opportunities for fisheries scientists throughout the nation."

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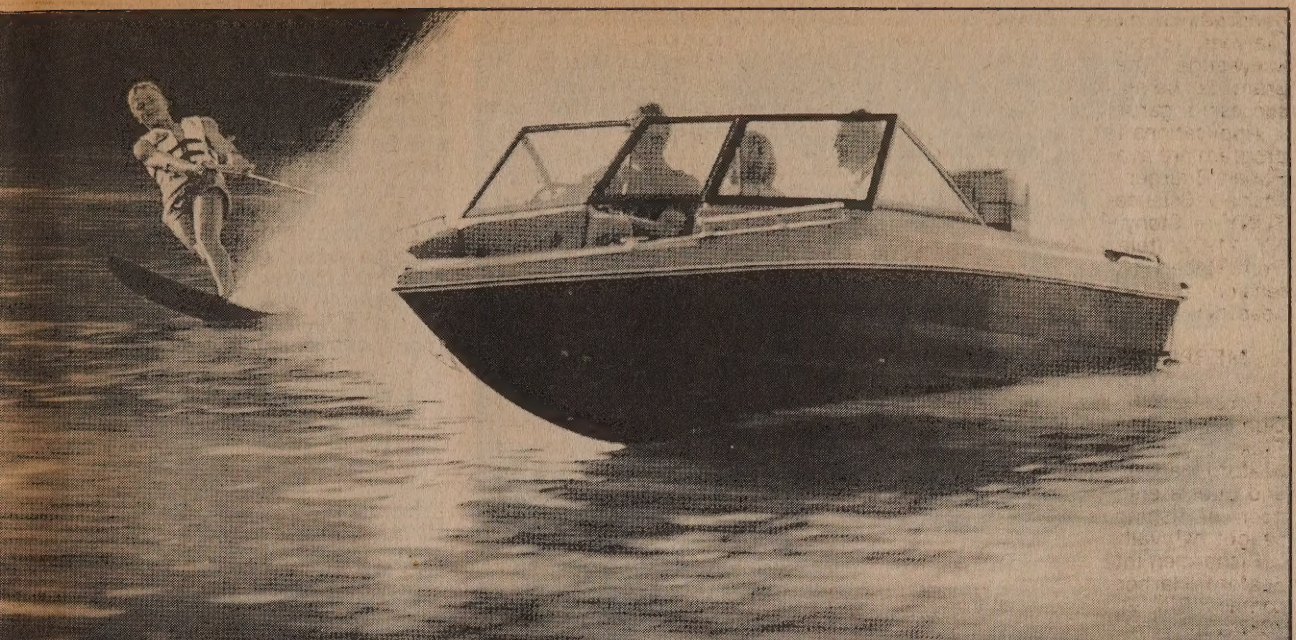

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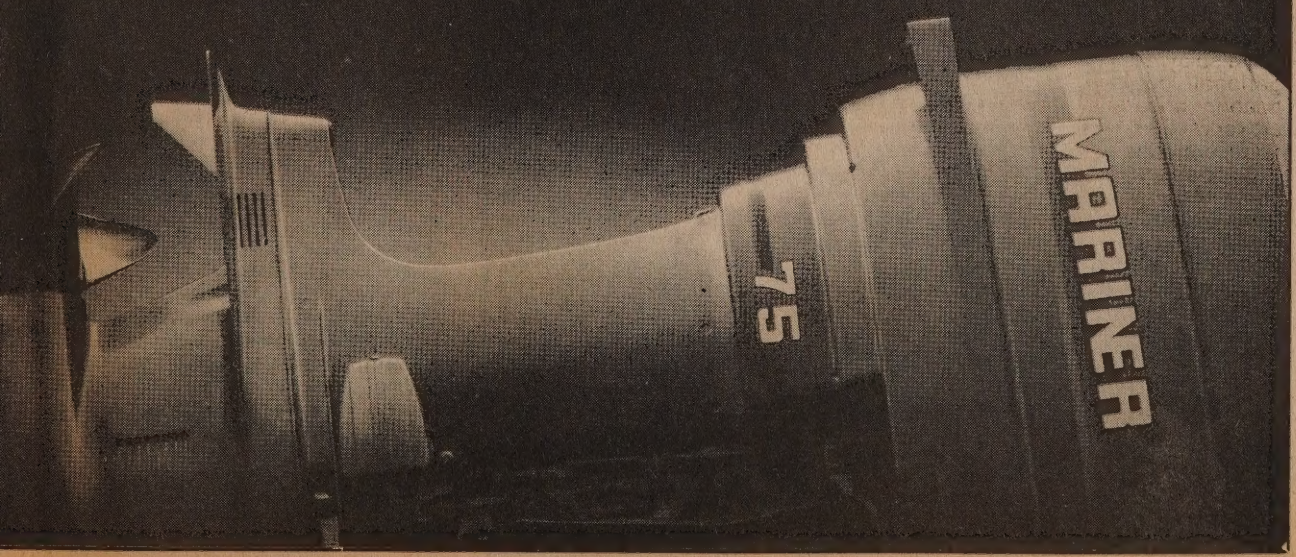

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TOURNAMENT ANGLERS 6TH ANNUAL BILLFISH AND TUNA TOURNAMENT JULY 19 & 20, 1985 RESULTS

Tuna: First—bigeye, 263 lbs., Fred Dombo. Second—bigeye, 180 lbs., Frank Darcy. Third—yellowfin, 120 lbs., T.C. Behr.

White Marlin: First—43 lbs., Harvey Langabeer. Second—36 lbs., V. DeMartino and third—35 lbs., J. Sayers.

Club Awards: Oakdale Sportsmen's Club, 419 points; Freeport Tuna Club, 112 points; and Canyon Anglers, 72 points.

BOAT USER FEES, NAV CHART CHARGES BEFORE HOUSE AND SENATE

Both the House and Senate have proposed allowing the Secretary of Commerce to recover more costs associated with the production of nautical charts. In the House, Norman Shumway's (R-CA) H.R. 2775 would triple current chart costs over a three-year period. In the Senate, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization bill (S. 990) was amended to allow for chart prices to be increased over a three-year period to recover all costs associated with information collection, compilation, printing and distribution.

In related developments, both the House and Senate's budget resolution for fiscal years 1986-88 contemplate charging recreational boaters user fees to pay for certain Coast Guard services. House Concurrent Resolution 152 includes an instruction to the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee to reduce budget authority and outlays by $50 million in each of the next three fiscal years, assuming an offset in suer fees for such Coast Guard service as patrolling races and regattas. Senate Concurrent Resolution 32 looks for government savings of $150 million annually in the same time frame by charging boaters for non-life threatening search and rescue missions.

Members of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, mindful that existing user fees paid by recreational boaters in the form of motor boat fuel tax are in danger of being substantially withheld or diverted from their intended purposes under the Wallop-Breaux Act, have written to the House Budget Commit-

tee urging them to hold firm in defending the lower House figure of $50 million for direct and identifiable Coast Guard service in the Budget Conference. No resolution of differences is expected until after the July 4th recess.

NEW YORK CITY 4-H SPORT FISHING PROGRAM

The New York City 4-H sport fishing program for youth got off to a good start on July 10, 1095 when about 25 kids and their leaders met at North Channel Bridge in Jamaica Bay for a day's fishing. This program is part of Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. Bill Fink, 4-H Science Specialist with Cornell, initiated the sport fishing program and has developed a series of training workshops for adult 4-H leaders.

Sea Grant has provided Bill with a small grant which enabled him to purchase a number of rods, reels, tackle, etc., and this was the first trip with the new equipment.

The fish were not too cooperative, but the kids did catch some porgies, toad fish, and a huge blue claw crab. For many of the kids, this was their first fishing experience and they can't wait to go again.

4-H leaders will also be trained in other marine activities and concerns such as conservation, beach walks, collecting and identifying marine creatures, pollution, etc.

If you would like more information about 4-H clubs in New York City, please call or write William Fink, 100 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 237-0920.

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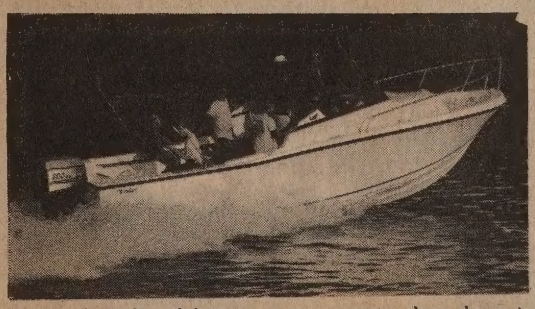

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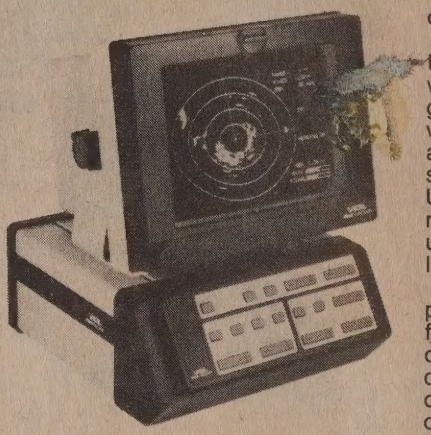
★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

VIGIL RM RADAR

by Pete Barrett



The RM Radar is the first modular radar system.The components are made up of the Scanner that transmits and receives the signal waves, the Central Electronics Module which contains the microprocessor, the Monitor screen which displays what the radar "sees' and the Keyboard which tells the computer what to do.

Like all radars, the scanner would be permanently mounted on top of a radar arch, hard top or on a tower; but the rest of the system is mounted in a very unique way. The Electronics Module can be mounted separately from the Keyboard and the Monitor. Small boats that lack extra space for mounting a radar can now more easily position the components in tight quarters. Space can be saved by mounting the Electronics Module under a console or in a cabin where it will be out of the way from weather and at a minimum of top side loss of space.

The monitor is a raster scan type similar to a TV screen. The Keyboard uses infrared technology for cable free operation completely separate from the electronics module, again much like a TV with a remote channel selector.

Start-up is simple and automatic. Turn on the power switch. The RM will automatically tune itself and will display a friendly message on the monitor screen telling you what it is doing. After a 45 second Magnetron pre-heat, the screen will begin to display the actual radar images. At start-up the RM will always be set to display the four mile range, will be automatically tuned to that range and the gain will be at 50 percent of full control.

The *Gain* adjusts the sensitivity of the receiver and is the equivalent of a volume control in a radio. Turn up the gain and the targets become more visible. Too much gain, however, will also cause background noises to show up as speckles on the screen. Use only enough gain to get clear readings. The amount of gain being used is shown on a bar line at the lower right of the screen.

Press the *Range* key to change the pre-selected start-up range. Ranges from 1/4 mile to 1/2, 2, 4, 8 or 16 miles can be displayed on the monitor. As different ranges are selected, the gain control may have to be adjusted for optimal readings.

Rough or choppy seas may also cause speckled readings on the screen. They can be eliminated by using the *Sea Clutter* control key. It reduces the *Gain* control within close range to the boat, but does not alter the *Gain* at greater distances away. This feature gives the "volume" needed to see other boats or land at the outside edge of the selected range, yet keeps the close-in readings free of interference.

After the initial turn-on and after each new range is selected, the *Tune* control may have to be used to maximize the best readings. A bar scan at the lower right of the screen will help adjust the *Tune* control.

A *Standby* position will keep the RM turned on and ready, but with no screen readout displayed. This requires less power and helps save the batteries by minimizing the electrical drain. This can be very important while drifting at night without a generator. Press the Standby button a second time and within 10 seconds the screen will again be active.

A *Day/Night* key switch makes the screen brighter or darker for the best viewing brightness in either day or night light. The RM I looked over was mounted temporarily on the dash of my boat on a bright, sunny day and I had no difficulty seeing the radar images. However, the very best images will be seen in much lower light—and that's when we need radar the most.

A *Hold* key will momentarily freeze the screen so the image can be studied.

Similar to the *Sea Clutter*, a *Rain Clutter* will eliminate or reduce speckled images caused by the interference of rain on the surface water.

The *Track* key displays the route of your boat on the screen as a jagged line so you can plot the progress the boat makes while navigating a tricky area, say a narrow channel at night or into an inlet in a fog.

Range rings of one-fourth of the selected range can be displayed or removed from the screen by pressing the *Range Ring* key.

The *VRM* key moves a circle from the center of the screen to mark the distance away that another vessel or object may be. That distance is displayed as a numerical value in nautical miles at the top right of the screen. VRM stands for Variable Range Marker and is a standard feature found on most radars. Very handy to help determine the distance of nearby boats.

The EBM key moves a line in a 360 degree arc from the center of the screen to any object and determines the bearing from your boat. The bearing will be displayed at the top right of the screen. Using the VRM and the EBM together can be helpful to pick out a good sharking spot free of other boats or help find the location of nearby boats who may be doing well on blues, tuna or fluke.

A narrow arc can be scanned directly in front of the boat by using the *Guard Zone* key and and the EBM and VRM keys. When approaching an inlet in fog, or a narrow strait between two sides of a bay, the most important area ahead of the boat can be scanned and an alarm set to warn of approaching boats or land in that defined area.

Rick Rettinger, Mars Technical Representative, showed me the Vigil RM Radar from his roving demo van and then temporarily even set up the RM right on my boat. The unit is very easy to use and he had me performing the various range, EBM and guard zone functions in a very short time.

According to Rick, the RM is water resistant and will take some salt spray, but hard spray should be avoided. For small boats where this could be a problem, the Vigil self-solves the problem. Install the Electronics Module under the console or in a cabin where it will remain dry and you don't have to worry about bad weather or excessive salt spray.

Mars has put a lot of thought into the Vigil to make it simple. It is easy to install, easy to use and easy to maintain.

The relatively small size of the unit, plus the ability to place the electronics control module away from the screen makes the Vigil adaptable to a wide variety of installation options.

While I did not have a chance to use the Vigil for a long period of time, RMs have been in use since 1983 and are known to have an excellent service record with attention from the factory a rarity.

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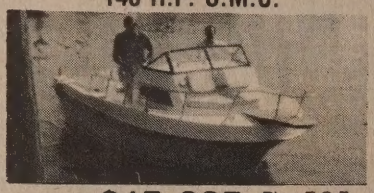

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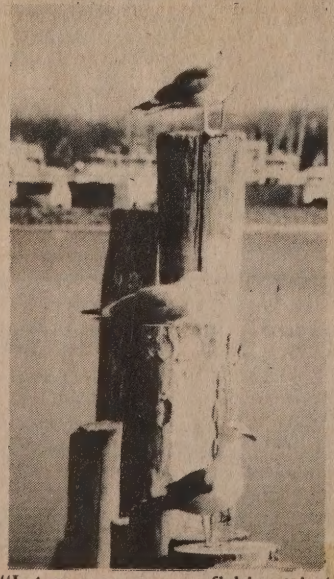

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I am 13-years-old and love saltwater fishing. Ever since last summer I've been making my own teaser rigs with wide gap hooks and rubber tubing. Just last week I saw very small wide gaps used for flounder in a prepared package at one of the shops in Manhattan.

I also noticed long shank hooks being used on prepared fluke rigs. Now, my question is, are wide gaps better for fluke or flounder. I am pretty confused. *Chris Yuen.*

Dear Chris,

We are all sometimes confused when it comes to hook selection. I prefer the short shank beak style hook for fluke (summer flounder), but many friends whom I consider experts at fluke fishing will use only the wide gaps, feeling they hook and hold better than the standard or short shank models.

Winter flounder have very small mouths and can eat only small baits such as a piece of worm or a thin strip of clam. The small size wide gap is a good hook for winter flounder, but in cold weather it is a horror to use since it is not as easy to remove from the small mouth of a flounder. We generally go with a medium shank flounder hook in size 6, 8 or 10, depending on the size flounder we are catching. The larger hooks, 6 and 8, are used when the fish are running above average and the 10s are standard for flounder of less than a pound.

When seeking fluke you might want to try the wide gap in a No. 6 or larger. It is a rather bulky hook, which is the reason we tend to go with the short shank models, but when you do hook a fluke it is less apt to escape due to hook pull-out.

It's not easy to answer your question since every fisherman we know will have a different answer to give. Hook selection is a matter of personal preference and if you like the wide gap style, go with it no matter what others may say. A lot of bragging size fluke have been taken on the wide gaps since they gained popularity in this country. Prior to their introduction in the U.S. the wide gap was touted as a bait hook for catching pike in English waters, and when first introduced to American fishermen, the wide gaps did not generate too much enthusiasm. Today, most fishermen use, or have tried the wide gaps and many anglers prefer them above all other styles.

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Dear Doc,

I have an old spinning reel that was sold by one of the best known American reel manufacturers. It is still in excellent condition except for one minor problem. When I cast, close the bail and start reeling in, the reel is very stiff. I guess it feels like the shaft is not moving freely as the bail rotates to pick up line.

I've had this particular reel for more than a dozen years and this is the first season it has been sticking. I really like the reel and would have it fixed if the cost is not excessive.
Harry Chambers.

Dear Harry,

I have had similar troubles with spinning reels in the past and without fail, it was not due to manufacturing defect, but to my treatment of the tackle.

One spinning reel was practically brand new and it turned like an ungreased wheel. I tried everything I could to free the spool and finally, in desperation, returned it to the manufacturer with a brief note explaining the problem. I had dropped the reel and unknowingly bent the main shaft. With each rotation of the shaft, a binding would occur and all the manufacturer had to do was to replace the main shaft and the reel worked perfectly.

You may have dropped your reel or banged it into something which is causing the binding. Try removing the spool and turning the reel handle. If the shaft turns freely, your problem is not a bent main shaft but lies elsewhere. But, if the reel binds with the spool removed you probably need to replace the main shaft.

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Dear Doc,

I've got an old fishing reel that has no identification anywhere on the side or bottom. It resembles a single action fly reel; you know, the kind that has stamped side plates which rotate inside a ring. This reel is about four or five inches in height and about one inch in width. It's too large to be a freshwater model and not big enough to be used as a wire line reel. Do you

have any idea what make reel it is, and do you know if it is worth any money. I've kept it for 20 years and it looked ancient when I got it from a friend whose father had it prior to his death. *Stanley Levin.*

Dear Stan,

The reel you describe sounds like one of the Calzone reels. They were a large frame, single action type reel that closely matched the cheap single action fly reels of the time.

Price varies according to condition and the current market. To get what the reel is worth, you would have to find someone who is a collector of that specific company's products. That's the hardest part of selling collectibles, and is the main reason why some tackle items that were manufactured in small quantities are not worth as much as items that were sold by the thousands.

I'd hang on to the reel and try to keep it in good condition. You might sell it, but at the current prices being published in some antique catalogs, it really isn't worth enough to sell it when you could keep it around as a conversation piece.

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Dear Doc,

I am having some trouble with a new spinning reel I recently purchased. Every time I try to cast a heavy metal from the surf or off a jetty the bail snaps shut and there goes $4 off to sea. It is not only very annoying, but also quite expensive when I am losing a couple of metals every time I go fishing.

Why does the bail snap shut? And, what can I do to resolve the problem. I can't return the reel to the store where it was purchased, for I was travelling out of state when I bought it on sale. *Bill Siglund.*

Dear Bill,

Without inspecting the reel, I can't say for sure just what is causing your problem. An educated guess, at best chancy, would be that you are not bringing the bail all the way to top position before making each cast. If that is not the solution, you may be bringing the bail too far off center and as you exert the pressure with each cast you are causing the bail to swing past the release point which causes the bail to close prematurely.

If neither of these apply, you may have a reel which has a very weak bail spring. If that's the case, I suggest you hurry to one of the local tackle shops before you go broke buying new metals.

You can ship the reel to the manufacturer. Most of today's tackle companies back their products with a warranty and will replace or repair the reel free of charge.

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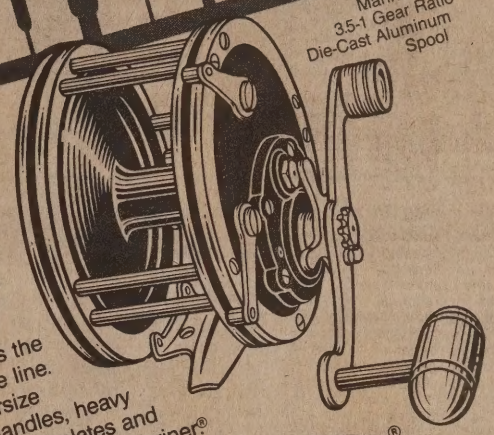

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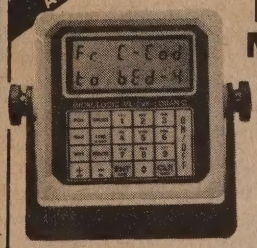

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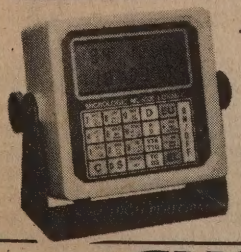

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THE CAROLINA

by John Raguso & Ted Bingham

It was 6PM the evening of June 2, 1918 and the 200 passengers aboard the Porto Rico Line steamship Carolina were just getting settled into dinner. It was a beautiful time of the day, when late afternoon blended into evening, and the sea yielded only a faint swell so as not to interrupt the tranquility of the impending sunset. The strange zigzag course that the ship began to take caused a few of the more observant to look up from their tables and take notice, but most of the passengers thought little of it. Some of those seated for dinner remarked at the ship's unusual heading and concluded that this might be due to the fact that they were ahead of schedule time and that the captain was adopting this course rather than slow down the craft to eliminate any danger. Unbeknownst to them, the Carolina's master had been warned earlier that afternoon of the presence of a hostile German undersea raider that had been seen in the general vicinity and had already claimed some provision-laden schooners as its victims.

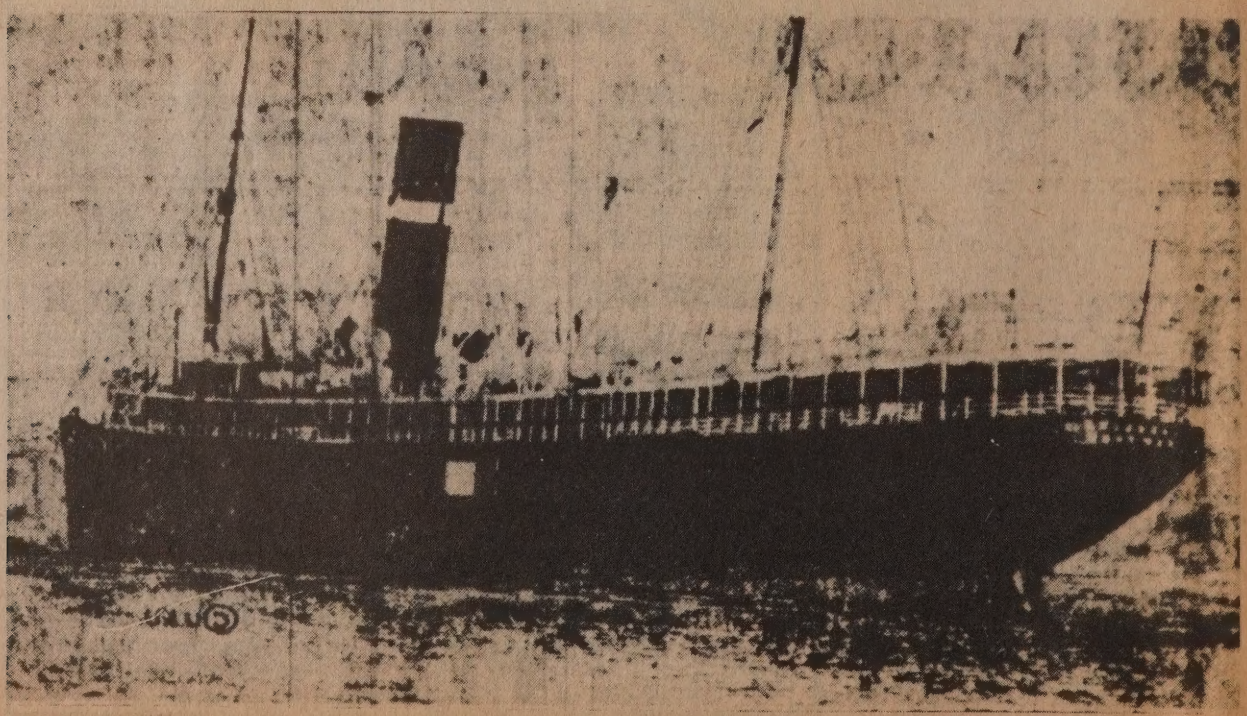
Without warning, those who were comfortably enjoying their meal were jolted by a crackling report and subsequent explosion that landed near the Carolina's bow. The conning tower of a feared German U-boat appeared off at a distance and the realization came upon the passengers and crew of the Carolina that they were being attacked without warning by an enemy sub.

The stage was now set for the Porto Rico Line steamer to become yet another casualty in the 48 hour rampage of the German subs U-37 and U-151 that would sink 11 ships totalling in excess of 18,000 tons of war materials. Indeed, historians would later describe this date as a "banner day" for the grey wolves of the German undersea fleet, which would not even be surpassed by the killing efficiency of the more sophisticated World War II wolf packs. Conversely, June 2, 1918 must go down as one of the blackest days in the annals of East Coast merchant marine shipping.

The Carolina was bound for New York from San Juan, Puerto Rico, carrying 220 passengers, 120 crew and a modest load of sugar cargo in her hold. Throughout her history, the Carolina went by two other names, also being called the "City of Savannah" and "La Grande Duchesse." In her former tours of duty before the Porto Rico Line, the Carolina was a passenger-carrier to Savannah (hence her name), an Army transport, and a government steamer running to Panama. She lowered the mail-carrying time between Boston and Halifax and was the first steamship equipped with a wireless radio for the reporting of the international yacht race.

Unfortunately, all that speed could not help her now that she was in range of the U-boat's deck guns. After the German raider sent the shot across her bow, Captain T.R. Barbour had little choice but to shut down the engines and let an armed boarding party from the sub come aboard the Carolina for an inspection.

Back in New York, there was some anxiety at the Brooklyn docks of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Line, as concerned relatives and friends of those passengers on the ill-fated Carolina jammed the executive office in search of some favorable



news of the ship's whereabouts. It wasn't until 11AM the next day (June 3rd) that word was finally received about the Carolina's situation. It came in the form of a wireless radio message received by a passing ship and relayed through the Naval Intelligence office in Washington, D.C. The message simply stated that the vessel was being attacked and officials were still uncertain as to the Carolina's status as of late that evening. A second message was finally received via the Navy Department that confirmed everyone's fears that the Carolina was indeed under attack by a German U-boat and that the passengers and crew were abandoning ship in her lifeboats.

According to New York Times coverage of the event, Franklin D. Mooney, President of the steamship line announced that this follow-up message stated "...Have been attacked and passengers and crew have taken to the boats."

Among 48 survivors of four ships sunk prior to the attack on the Carolina (schooners Wiley, Dunn, Edna and Winneconne) who were landed after being prisoners on one of the invading subs, was Captain Gilmore of the schooner Edna, who said that the raider carried a spare captain, who was apparently on hand to take charge of any prize that might be worthwhile for use as a raider. This led to the suggestion among those who heard Captain Gilmore's story that the Carolina might be seized for that purpose. This steamship was the biggest and fastest of the boats attacked and far more suitable than any of the others for such employment.

It wasn't until a Navy seaplane on routine anit-sub patrol spotted a group of lifeboats some 35 miles due east of Beach Haven Inlet the afternoon subsequent to the attack on the Carolina, that any info at all was passed along to the news media about the fate of the survivors. Even though the pilot couldn't be absolutely sure as to the identity of those marooned in the drifting boats, when his message was relayed to the authorities and then to the New York and Porto Rico executives, it was presumed that these were in fact passengers from the Carolina. Because of the noise of the propeller, he could not hear the shouts of the passengers, but his opinion was that the small boats were steering towards the coastal sea lane, to await vessels on their way north from Cape May and Atlantic City. As soon as the Navy patrol plane landed in Beach Haven with this news, boats were sent to the rescue.

As the Carolina's lifeboats began to be picked up one by one, various accounts of the vessel's sinking and the perilous journey of the survivors began to filter in to the press. Although no passengers were injured or killed during the destruction of the steamship, it seems that a violent summer squall befell the drifting lifeboats the day after the U-boat's attack, causing great loss of life and suffering.

In describing the attack, the Carolina's second officer, Trygve Wily, stated, "...We saw nothing of the submarine, until after we had heard three warning shots fired. We came to a stop, and finally the sub came into view about 200 yards away. The submarine appeared to be about 300 feet in length and mounted three inch guns both forward and aft, with a machine gun on the bridge. All of the 50 or 60 men on the large deck were in German uniform, and evidently there were no prisoners aboard.

"They talked among themselves, but only once did any one on the submarine address any words to us. This was after the lifeboats had all left the ship. One of the firemen had been left behind and he came to the rail, shouting at the lifeboats. The German commander spoke in good English, and said to the people in one of the boats, 'Go back and get that man'.

"After this was done the submarine went up close to the ship and moved alongside slowly, evidently inspecting it carefully. We thought that they intended to put a crew on board, from the number of men who appeared in sight on top of the U-boat, and turn the Carolina into a raider, but I guess they decided not to. Finally, when the submarine was very close to the ship, it trained one of its guns on the steamer near the beam and fired a shot which struck just below the waterline. The gun was then aimed at a point a few feet distant at the waterline and fired a second time. Then the submarine moved around to the other side and fired two more shots. In a few minutes the Carolina was sinking and we saw her go out of sight. The submarine then went on its way and we were left to fend for ourselves in the lifeboats, a good distance from the shore."

Many of those who were set adrift in the steamship's boats were rescued by passing ships, as they had hoped. The schooner Eva B. Douglass picked up 244 grateful passengers and a Russian bark came upon eight members of the Carolina's crew. In addition, two of the lifeboats braved the inclement elements to make it all the way to shore, but not without complications. Twenty-nine passengers landed at Atlantic City and another boat with 19 hit the beach at Lewes, Delaware. It was between these two unlucky craft that 31 lives were lost in the tempest that followed their first night adrift.

According to the survivors of the boat that landed in Lewes, after the steamer was sunk by shellfire, the 10 lifeboats pulled away, trying to keep together, but Sunday night a storm came up, which separated them and overturned their craft. The voyagers in this boat clung to her as she lay upside down in the water, but eventually the strain shook the hold of the

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THE CAROLINA
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: June 2, 1918
Length: Unknown
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 5,096 tons
Hull Construction: Steel
Lat/Lon (approximate): 38-57-20N/73-06-00 W
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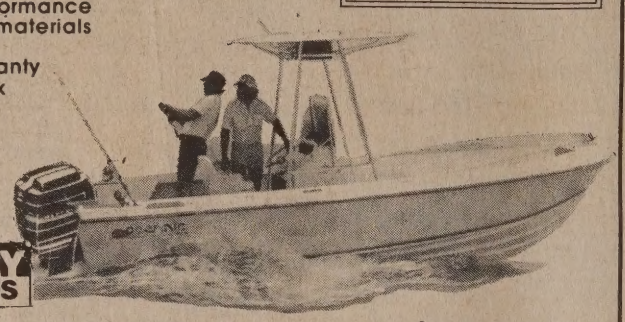

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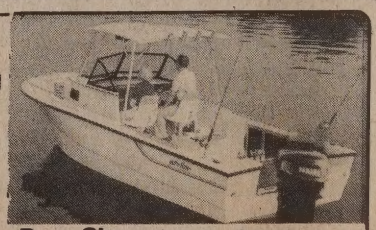

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weaker ones. Sixteen passengers in the complement of this lifeboat were compelled to let go of their hand-hold and drown before the storm finally passed and the boat was righted.

According to a New York Times interview with Samuel Johnson, a passenger on the ship who hailed from Woodlawn, Long Island and who landed with the other lifeboat at Atlantic City, he stated, "...The captain watched while the boats were being filled and lowered. There were more than 200 passengers and more than 100 in the crew. The women and children, of course, went first. The crew acted splendidly.

"Ten boats were filled, and we pulled away from the ship. I shall never see anything like it again, yet, intensely dramatic as it was, it all seemed unreal. The crew of our boat pulled clear, and we could see the lights of the other boats bobbing up and down in the waves. Every minute we thought the Germans were going to shell us. We got away possibly 50 yards when there was a blinding flash. I don't know whether they shelled, bombed, or torpedoed the Carolina, but she went down.

"In the night we were separated from the other boats. Lieutenant McLaren and Purser Mertz looked after us carefully. The men did their best to keep our spirits up during those long hours at night. They insisted that we eat what little food there was, and gave us most of the water. They took very little of the food or water themselves. They gave us their coats, overalls, jumpers—everything. We we sighted the shore we were told by the Lieutenant that it looked like Atlantic City. Did it look good to us? Well, rather. And when we came ashore you had the band playing for us, just as if you knew we were coming."

From a fishing viewpoint, the Carolina should be approached with the same perspective when considering a jaunt to any of the other Canyon wrecks. The quality of fishing on the relatively inshore wrecks being what it is in the New York Bight, an anxious fishing expedition does not have to venture great distances from the beach to get in on the hot fishing action. Therefore, it is not recommended that you make a special trip 80 or so miles offshore to fish one of the canyon wrecks. However, should you be in the neighborhood, do feel compelled to budget some time either before or after your canyon foray to stop by for a quick visit. You already have been apprised of the value of fishing known deep water structure for the large pelagic game fish that invade our shores every season.

Next week we're going to stay in the same general vicinity as the Carolina's grave site and cover a wreck that was also the victim of the same German U-boat offensive that claimed the Carolina. Our next instalment is about the wreck of the Holland-American freighter Texel.

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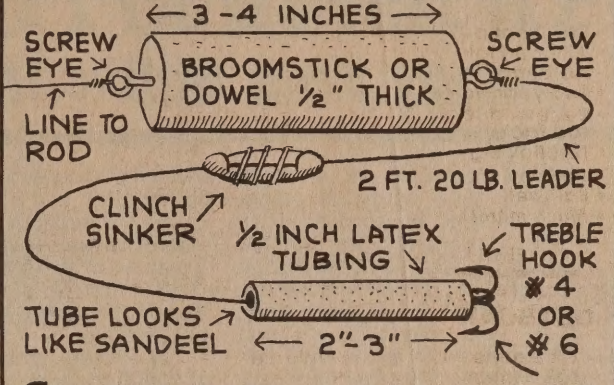

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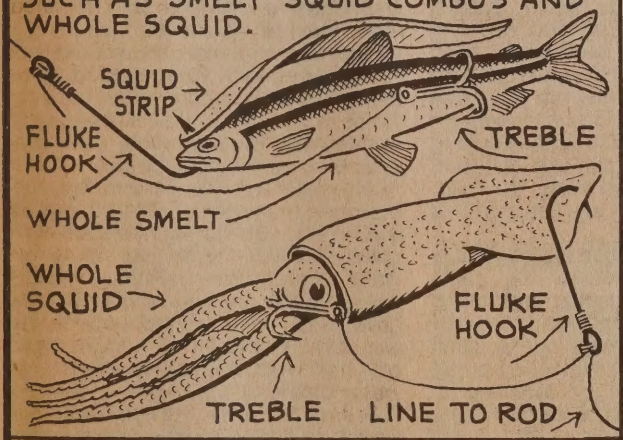

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DOUBLE PLAY AT MATTITUCK

by Tom Schlichter

It's not too often that we associate fluke fishing with porgy pounding, primarily because of an inaccurate belief among many anglers that the two species do not mix to any great degree. For most anglers, fluke are considered prime contenders along the banks and channels of Long Island's sandy south shore bays and inlets. Porgies, on the other hand, are most frequently mentioned in terms of Peconic Bay or rocky north shore hotspots. A second reason why these two are not frequently connected is because they each have such a dedicated following. Porgy fishermen fish for slab-sided, silver panfish, while flukers tend to concentrate solely on the flatfish. And rarely do the two meet eye to eye. Pity, isn't it, when you consider that in some locations, hotspots for both species are located within a mile of each other when they don't happen to be exactly the same.

The waters off Mattituck Inlet, about midway out on the North Fork, offer a prime example of a location where porgy and fluke fishermen have the perfect opportunity to take advantage of both species while doing a minimal amount of traveling. In locations such as the "Firing Range" and "The Motel" the two species of fish and fishermen regularly mix. While hotspots such as Cooper's Rock for porgies and Horton's Point for fluke are separated by only a fair stretch of water. We'll discuss these locations in more detail a little later on, but first, let's get down the tackle and baits necessary to take advantage of this action.

For starters, since both species are primarily bottom feeders, I'd recommend conventional style gear as the way to go. For sure, it's possible to get away with spinning tackle, but it just does not allow for the line control and feel that a well balanced conventional setup affords when bottom fishing. The same rod and reel can double for both fish, but keep in mind that you will need to change rigs. The ideal setup for fishing in this area would be along the lines of a medium taper 6 to 6½ foot rod and matching reel filled with 12 lb. test abrasion resistant line such as Ande. You can, however, get by with any setup in this neighborhood.

The terminal end for the porgies is the standard high-how rig used throughout the Peconics and along the north shore of the Island, consisting of a two or three ounce bank sinker and a pair of pre-snelled porgy hooks. This rig can be attached to your line via a black barrel swivel or tied directly.

To connect with our other mentor, let me tell you that over the past two years, I've been doing a lot of experimenting with various fluke hooks and so far, for the flatties, the best bet seems to be an English wide gap style hook, sizes 1 or 2 work well. These "bent shank" hooks seem to really dig into a fluke's mouth when set, and as a result few fish slip the hook on their way to the surface. Tie this hook about three inches above the sinker on a standard bottom rig or use it with a sliding sinker setup. One point about these hooks I should mention before sending you out on your own: they seem to work best if the leader is shortened to 16 or 18 inches in length. This will allow you to more directly control or influence the action of your baits. For the most part, when these hooks are purchased from the store, they are snelled on 30 or 36 inch lengths of leader material.

Since these two gamesters have varied tastes, you will need to prepare for both species when buying bait. The norm for porgies is skimmer clam; for fluke, sand eels and squid. You will also want to pick up some bunker or mussel chum to hold the slab siders under your boat while at anchor. In a pinch, the squid can double as porgie bait and should you run short of sand eels, keep in mind that a thin strip of porgy fillet (be sure to leave the skin on) will frequently work as well as do the shiners and will even stay on the hook better.

Although both are bottom feeders, the primary modes of fishing used to catch the two differ. Porgies are generally taken at anchor, a pot of chum hanging over the side. On most days, the fish are easy to find, all you have to do is look for the fleet. You'll see them anchored in a tight pack over the most productive bottom. If you are new to the game, please be aware of the rule, "Thou shall not crowd." Porgies are shy fish and lots

of noise while anchoring up is not conducive to good scores. Whenever possible, skirt around the outside of the fleet and head slightly uptide or upwind. Idle down your motor and allow your craft to drift back into the fleet quietly. Dropping anchor within talking distance of another boat is considered fine, but close enough to bait each other's hooks may draw one or two not so kind words.

Fluke fishermen will find drifting to be the most productive method for covering territory. This is no great task as all one must do is head uptide of the grounds and then cut the motor. If you have calculated correctly, your drift should bring you back over productive water. Try not to drift through the heart of the porgy fleet if you are working in that vicinity but be assured, if you find yourself accidentally in the midst of these fishermen, it's wiser to drift past without starting up your engine than it is to pull the string and roar through the fish. On occasion, drifters will begin to pick a porgy or two at a certain point of each drift. If this is the case, consider it a signal to drop anchor and start chumming as there is most likely a substantial school of porgies over that piece of bottom.

A call to Ron Peterson of the Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station late this July, revealed that the porgy schools this year have been doing a lot of moving from day to day. The action has been quite good, however, it sometimes takes two or three drops before the fish are pinned down. The fish have been hitting on any moving tide, but fishing during slack water has been slow. Cooper's Rock, west of the inlet, has been the most consistent area. As far as the fluke are concerned, some weeks have been better than others, but a slow day still sees a dozen or so fish per boat. This action should pick up by the beginning of August when catches or 20 or 30 fluke a boat become more common. The "Firing Range" just east of the inlet has been hot on the outgoing, while Horton's Point, which is further east, has produced best on incoming water.

If you are looking to combine your luck for porgies and fluke, your best bet would be to work off the motel or the firing range, east of the inlet. The fish have been crossing paths here quite frequently. Since the porgies are not too particular about which tide they will feed on, it's a good idea to drift for fluke first and, if they do not seem to be cooperative, wait them out while filling your bucket with porgies.

The waters off Mattituck are scenic and clean. Also, despite the fact that there are two fishing stations on the inlet (both can be found in the backyard section of The Fisherman), there is rarely a crowd on this part of the Sound, a fact I'm sure many mid-Island fishermen will relish if they give this spot a try. But, best of all, is feeling secure in the knowledge that there is no way to lose when you double up at Mattituck.

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EAST END TUNA

by Bob Hubler

As fishing columnist for Suffolk Life and a contributor to Marlin magazine, the author hosts a wealth of offshore knowledge.

After a long and rather uneventful day of sharking off Shinnecock Inlet, my friend Jimmy (captain of the "Island Girl") and I decided to call it a day.

We had been drifting in about 180 feet of water SW of the inlet for nearly six hours without even a hit from a bluefish, much less a mako shark! A rising southwesterly wind coupled with surface temperatures of 66 degrees and reports of approaching thunderstorms, all contributed to convince us to pack it in somewhat earlier than usual.

After cruising along at 23 knots for a half hour or so, a school of tuna suddenly began porpoising off our starboard side in 170 feet. Although we immediately grabbed a few lures and set a trolling pattern designed to intercept the school, once again our score was zip! However, the incident opened our eyes and proved vividly that tuna were in our waters for another season.

Aside from giant bluefins which normally arrive in late June, Long Island's East End waters usually will produce albacore, yellowfins, school bluefins and bigeyes in abundance beginning in mid-July and continuing well into October, weather and sea conditions permitting. While no angler can state with any real authority that a particular spot will produce tuna at a given moment, several spots have certainly proved their worth by producing fish regularly for the past few seasons.

The 240 foot depth area located in Block Channel, sometimes referred to as "Forty Fathom Bank" (25825.0; 43540.0) has given up some outstanding catches of albacore and yellowfins in recent years. Keep in mind also, this is the very same area where some truly monster-sized blue marlin have been hooked or spotted. You could be the lucky angler—who knows?

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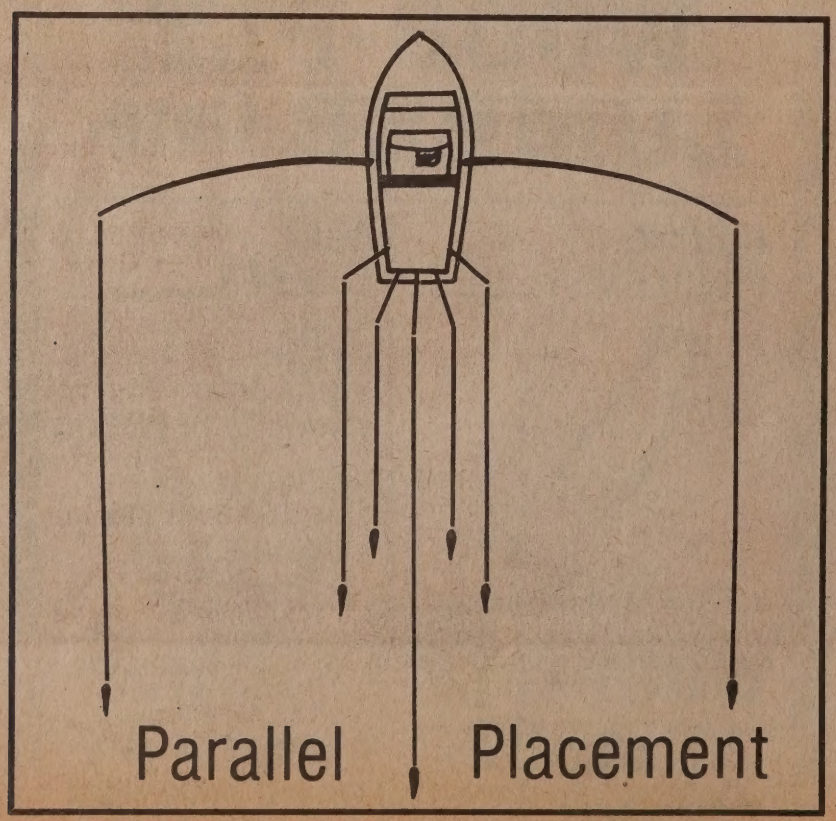
Perhaps the most consistent area in which to try your luck off the East End is the "Forty-One Fathom Finger," (25975.0; 43450.0), located about 40 miles southeast of Shinnecock Inlet. Aside from a slight finger-like hump on the bottom and occasional Gulf Stream eddies passing through from time to time, the almost magical attraction it has to tuna and marlin will certainly help to fill your fish box.

When all else fails and sometimes when it doesn't, don't overlook the area surrounding the Coimbra Wreck (26203.7; 43576.6) Aside from yellowfins and school bluefins found here, several large makos and tiger sharks usually take up residence nearby and await your baited hooks.

Unfortunately, most fishermen are quite set in their ways (myself included) and will usually troll the same lures at each and every opportunity, completely disregarding natural baits and other techniques that can and will produce. Rigged baits are NOT a thing of the past, as some expert anglers or tackle manufacturers would have you believe! Ballyhoo, squid and mullet produce fantastic catches when properly rigged and trolled correctly in the very same waters other boats have criss-crossed countless times dragging plastic in their wakes. One of the most unforgettable sights I've ever been witness to was a large school of 50 to 75 lb. yellowfins literally jumping out of the water and over each other in an attempt to reach our slowly trolled ballyhoos and inhale them.

Another set of overlooked tackle items are red and white cedar plugs and good old-fashioned tuna feathers. Albacore seem to have a strong preference for cedar plugs trolled along at about 5 knots or so—just enough speed to get them wobbling at a good rate. Black/white and green/yellow tuna feathers have always produced best for me when trolled at about 8 knots or faster, depending upon sea conditions. Be on your toes when using feathers though; many 200 lb. fish have been taken on them!

Offshore fishermen think nothing about chumming for sharks, bluefish and giant tuna—how many will deliberately set up a chum slick for tuna during the trolling season though? I dare say very few, and because of this, large numbers of anglers are missing out on some terrific tuna (sometimes marlin as well) action especially when fishing



near wrecks or other types of fish attracting bottom structure. Even if you're trolling baits or lures, keep a supply of baitfish on hand to toss over the side immediately following a strike. You'd be surprised at how long you are able to keep a school of tuna around your vessel by following this technique. Don't forget to put a hook into one or two of the baitfish being used to attract the school: you'll have instant hook-ups.

We've all experienced days when the fish would strike virtually anything towed behind the boat, whether it looked edible or not! It's too bad it doesn't happen more often for most of us. Although I am a strong proponent of natural baits, there are times when our quarry will virtually ignore all but an artificial lure.

Most fishermen have favorite lures and colors that are successful for them most times they're used. I guess the most commonly used color patterns include greens, yellows, and various combinations of the same. Sure, many fish are taken each year on green-type lures, but think about this: with the vast majority of anglers using this color lure, their overall catches, of necessity, will far outweigh all other lure colors employed. Hence, you have a somewhat skewed statistic. Don't ignore different color lures.

Red-black, red-white, and black-white certainly will produce tuna, yet marlins prefer blue-silver, blue-white and natural colored artificial squid. In spite of various claims alleging one color to be superior to all others, I firmly believe lure color is not of paramount importance, but rather the lure's action and positioning in the wake is what tempts a fish to strike.

My own, as well as the experiences of many other anglers seem to indicate a pattern of parallel placement; lures placed opposite each other within the trolling pattern, will usually out-produce all others.

We generally troll four flatlines, two outrigger lines and a center rigger (depending upon seas and the number of fishermen aboard), all with the same size, but different action lures, with perhaps a somewhat larger one closest to the transom. There's a good reason for this setup of similiar sized lures: fish will most times attack the easiest and weakest prey. Why do you think you always have strikes on the smallest lures while the big ones often go untouched. Don't give the predator fish this choice. Use lures closely uniform in size.

Make certain your baits or lures ride on the forward part of the wave. You're likely to be able to see them much better than if they were placed within or behind the wave.

Trolling speeds vary from lure to lure and bait to bait, depending upon wave heights and general sea conditions, in addition to the lure's designed speed for action. Straight runners can be trolled at a much quick pace than can darters or wobblers. According to experts, 8 knots seems to be the magic number most of the time. In heavier seas reduce the lure's speed to 6 knots; on flat calm days try about 10 knots. Natural baits are best trolled very slowly with about 5 knots at the top end. Any speeds above this mark will more than likely rip your bait apart very quickly.

We seem to do much better while trolling tuna when heading INTO the oncoming seas, rather than to troll with or across them. Marlin trolling calls for both of the latter methods, but sometimes just the opposite is true. Try different angles of approach until you hit pay dirt. Immediately upon a strike, do not make the mistake of slowing down or stopping dead. Instead, make a quick reduction in speed followed by a sharp increase, and make fast turns to both sides, thereby allowing your baits to swing far out from your wake's white water causing them to be more easily spotted by the remainder of the school. This is the easiest way to assure multiple hook-ups with all species of tuna.

One last pointer: don't discount the idea of trolling a high speed straight running lure or two far behind the boat on your way to the fishing grounds. I laughed at the thought of it, too, until we took two 150 lb. bluefins at 15 knots on our way out two years ago!

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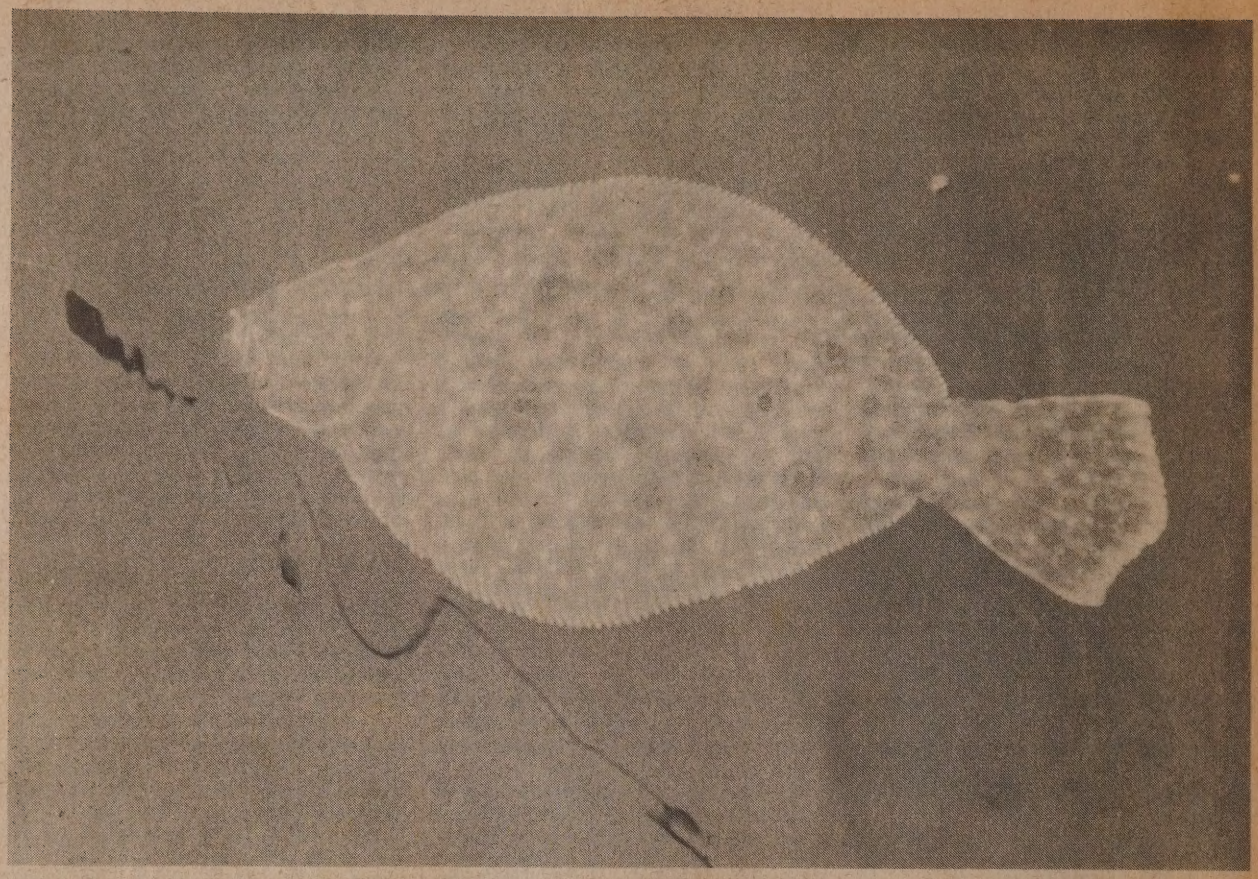

PLAYING FOR KEEPS

by Capt. Pete Mikoleski

Here are some tips that should help you improve the ratio of keeper fluke you take from western south shore bays.

This year the western end of the South Shore has seen a tremendous influx of fluke. That's the good news. The bad news is that most of the time about 90 percent of those fish are under the 14 inch limit. For me, most of the fun in fishing is in the actual catching, but after 30 throwbacks with only two or three fish in the bucket, fluke fishing begins to lose some of its challenge. Also, when I charter, my clients expect to bring some fluke home for the fridge. On my boat we don't have the so-called "fisherman's ruler"; everything we keep is honestly 14 inches.

Now is the time you should concentrate on certain techniques that will help to improve your keeper ratio. I don't claim that this advice will eliminate all those midgets, but if we examine the habitat and the life style of the fluke more closely, I bet we can increase your keeper ratio from 10 to about 40 percent or so. Keep in mind, I'm not talking doormats here; just nice respectable sized fluke. Though when you do "find" these fish, every once in awhile you will be rewarded with something big enough to brag about, a fluke five pounds or better.

Before we get into specifics, I want to mention something about tides. The actual stage of the tide isn't that important as long as you have moving water. Some pros feel the outgoing tide has the edge because it flushes the ecological system of bait. Fluke sense this and are ready, lying in wait. This theory is important especially if most of your fluke fishing is done back in the bays and around estuaries. We favor the last two hours of incoming water, and the first two hours of the outgoing tide. This maximizes our efforts around good moving water. I try to avoid fishing around low tide whenever possible. During slack water, if you don't have any wind to help you drift, it might be a good idea to concentrate around an inlet. Because of the funneling effect around inlets, there is usually some residual current present to help you drift. If there is no current or wind to help you drift you might have to try trolling, or a modified method of drift trolling, in order to score around slack water.

We already know that fluke are predators and hunt for their food. That's how the fluke we're looking for got big. They are the "elite" of their brood who survived by living as opportunistic feeders. These are the specialists who ambush their prey while expending the least amount of energy. To catch these fluke once we find them, all we have to do is fool them into attacking OUR baits. Simple, isn't it? Read on.

The bigger fluke that we're looking for position themselves in an area that presents an abundance of bait that's easy to catch. So far, so good; but where? Well, wherever you can find a deviation in the likely bottom structure that will cause some turbulence or a current that is faster or stronger than the surrounding area will be the place to concentrate your drifts. By

likely bottom structure, I am talking about a flat sandy bottom with something about it that will cause that current we're looking for. Now this could be as simple as the downcurrent side of a little hump on the bottom, or in back of a sand bar in shallow water where the water is a little deeper and faster. Another favorite spot is the mouth of an estuary where the tidal flow caused a small depression to form in the bottom. Also check around the edges of a point of land that sticks out into a main channel or body of water.

Any spot that tends to impede the path of baitfish will usually harbor some nice big hungry fluke waiting to pounce on an easy meal. The next important thing we have to realize is that in order to be successful you have to concentrate your drifts over this piece of bottom. Those long, lazy, drifts down Reynolds Channel netting one big fluke after another are no more. Once you find these productive areas, then you have to concentrate on fishing them with very short drifts. Your target zone will be a very small one, so the key is to work it thoroughly. If you've found a good piece of bottom, it's very likely that everyone on your boat could be hooked up simultaneously.

How do we find these spots? You've probably passed over them hundreds of times before without realizing it, because you didn't know what to look for. Any change in the appearance of the surface of the water will mark a disturbance below. On a very calm day, the water is glossy smooth except for a little area with a slight ripple on the surface. Position your boat ahead of this area so the current (or wind, whichever is stronger) will carry you over that spot and remember to keep the bait right on the bottom all the time, and that's the whole secret. Marker buoys are worth their weight in gold and should be used. Nothing radically new or different, just a little more precision is involved here. It takes a little more work and attention to detail, but it will pay off.

Now remember, these fish are more wary than your average throwback. They were able to eat more and grew accordingly. Once again, any little deviation in the appearance of the surface of the water will help you to find a few good spots. In searching for these areas, don't be afraid to fish in shallow water, you will be amazed by the results. A little later on I'll try and help you out by pinpointing some spots I've found to be productive.

About bait and tackle, a good fluke rod is a medium weight one about 5½ or 6½ feet long, that will handle sinker weights in the neighborhood of two to four ounces. Obviously if you're going to do more of your fishing offshore in deeper water, you might want a rod with a little more backbone. Spinning or conventional reels are both fine; stick with what you feel more comfortable with. My favorite fluke outfit is a 6½ foot graphite rod with aluminum oxide guides that I built to handle sinkers from one to six ounces. I prefer conventional reels so I use a good level wind baitcasting reel filled with 10 lb. test mono. The rod is light and extremely sensitive with enough backbone to sink the hook. There is nothing special about the rigs I use; it's pretty much the standard fluke rig used all over the Island. Inshore, I've been using a 2/0 Sproat hook on a three foot leader. If I'm fishing off the Rockaways or Riis Park, I'll go a little larger with 3/0 or even a 4/0 hook if I feel the area might contain some above average sized fluke. These 4/0s become the standard later in the season, usually around the middle of September. Lately I've been using those little red plastic hook connectors to connect the leader to the main line 4 to 8 inches above the sinker. These are great because they enable you to slide the hook up or down the main line and they also enable you to change the hook quickly. This is important because if a small fluke is hooked deeply, we simply cut the leader close to the hook and release the fish. We feel those bronze hooks will rust away quickly, and the fish has a better chance of survival that way rather than having its insides rearranged by minor surgery. On the end of the main line, I use a snap swivel to prevent line twist. It also enables me to change sinkers quickly. I like this because I like to use just enough lead to keep me in touch with the bottom.

Stringers of blues trail casters after a session on the jetty.

Now let's discuss which baits to use and where. If I'm fishing the inshore back bays, I'll go with the killy and squid strip combo. Killies about 2½ to 4 inches long with a thin strip of squid about the same length as the killy is the way to go. It's important that the squid is the same length as the killy to guard against the short biting fluke that will sit there with just the tail end of the squid in its mouth. Make sure the strip of squid is about 1/4 inch or so wide; not much wider because that will cause your bait to spin, which in turn, will wrap your leader around your main Line. This will not look natural to the wary fluke and he will avoid your bait. If killies are unavailable or very small, I'll use spearing or sand eels as my second and third choices respectively. Outside the inlets along the beaches, my

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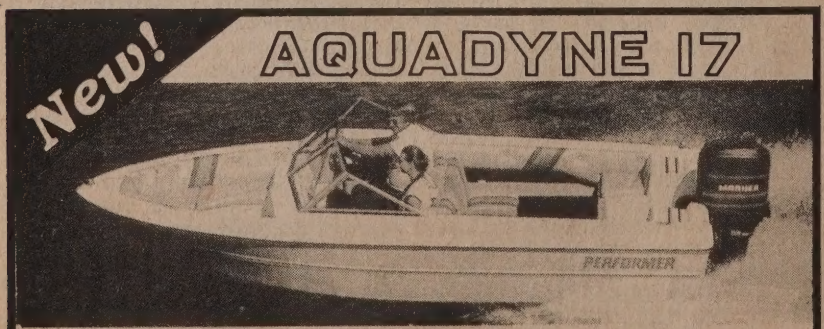
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first choice would be sand eels with squid or spearing with squid. On some occasions, we have tried smelt when the sand eels or spearing weren't up to par and have had good results with them.

Let me caution you about frozen baits. When you pick up your bait, it's **essential** to check it out before you buy it. Make sure it hasn't been re-frozen (you can tell if the bellies of the bait have burst open, pass 'em up) and check to see if they're of decent size. Most reputable bait dealers won't mind showing you the condition of the bait before you buy. If they do, I'm not so sure I would want to patronize these fellows nor would I believe him when he tells me, "You should have seen all the fish caught yesterday." To be successful, we have to stack the odds in our favor as high as we can, and good fresh bait is a very important aspect that is many times overlooked. "It's the little details that make the big difference in your catch." Now that we took the time to make sure the bait's in top condition, let's try and keep it that way. Above all, keep it out of the sun and in a small cooler, if possible on ice. I have a huge cooler and I keep everything in it, our lunch and hopefully, the big fluke's lunch also. Believe me, fluke are not fond of fried foods.

Here's a little insight why we prefer to use a certain bait over another depending on where we fish. It's a simple matter of killies and spearing being more prevalent inshore, among the back bays and creeks, while outside the inlets, sand eels are more likely to be found. We have to spoon feed these fluke with the natural forage that's available in their own environment. When fishing offshore, try to get the largest sand eels or spearing you can find. On our last fluke trip we had gigantic sand eels about eight inches long and the fluke jumped all over them.

This happened fishing a rip that forms just east of Rockaway Inlet about 1/2 mile off the tip of the jetty. We fished that spot until we ran out of bait and ended up with over 25 keepers. Only God knows how many we released. We drifted from west to east on an incoming tide, but for those few seconds in that rip every one on board was hooked up!

Due to the rather large size of the baits we use, you have to drop back a little longer than usual. All I can tell you is that when you think you've waited long enough, wait some more, take up the slack in your line and hit the fish. Be mindful of the stretch in your line and give that fluke a very high lift when setting the hook. Always net the fluke head first with one smooth motion.

It's about time we got to the actual where to? I'm only going to hint at a couple of places to fish that have produced for my crew this season. I say hint, because even by that I'm in danger of losing my first mate, Tom (who happens to be my brother) since

one of these "hints" will lead you to his secret spot. I might try the beginning of Hog Island Channel right where it empties into Reynolds Channel in Island Park. I concentrate fishing between buoys #1 and #3, favoring the shoreline up against the marshes. Remember that this is a major thoroughfare for boat traffic, so if you intend to fish here, you have to do it early. Traveling a little further east, I would try the edges of the channel near the flats between buoys #12 and #15 in Reynolds Channel, past the railroad trestle and the Long Beach bridge. Just a little further east, the strip of the channel from the Point Lookout bridge east to Jones Inlet has its moments, but can really be a zoo at times. I like this area for the rare opportunities when I get a chance to fish during the week. Now let's head back west down Reynolds Channel and try some of the Rips around the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. I would also try some of the rips that form on the southernmost side of the channel, right in the backyard of some of the homes on the channel itself. The northern side of East Rockaway Inlet, or if you prefer, Debs Inlet, has a sand bar or two that has put a few fish in the bucket for the Regina M. Sometimes the beaches off of Rockaway Playland produce if you can beat the commercial draggers to it. When they make a sweep through there it becomes as barren as a desert. Continuing further west, the grounds around the Warrior buoy has already produced a 7 lb. fluke for Phil Ruzzo, who is a regular on our boat. One general rule to keep in mind when fishing off the beaches is that during low tide you might have to fish further off the beach than you would at high tide. If you find you're catching a lot of shorts and/or sea robins, pull out a little further off the beach into deeper water. That's a good indication of being in a good spot, but possibly too close to the beach. During high tide try to hug the beach as close as you can while keeping safely beyond the breakers.

Earlier on, when we were discussing baits, I did not forget to mention the use of strips of fluke belly or sand sharks. I know they work well for some people, but I haven't had much success with them, although my first mate swears by them. If you've used them successfully in the past, I certainly would give them a try.

Well, there you have it. Just some ideas that I hope will increase your success with bigger fluke. I'm sure if you take the time to really comprehend some of the reasoning behind these thoughts, they should help to increase your keeper ratio. If you endeavor to try some of the place that I have mentioned, you will find many spots of your "own" just by trying to search out these spots. This is because you will have gained that little extra insight that gives you the edge in becoming one of the 10 percent of the fishermen who catch 90 percent of the fish.

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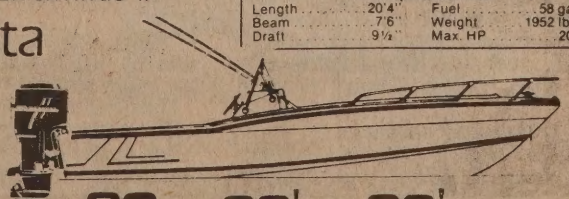

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FISHING FRIENDS 'TILL THE END

by Matt Ahern

My mail load is quite heavy and I receive a variety of questions not only about fish and fishing, but also on related subjects. Many readers, youngsters mostly, want to know about my long ago fishing companions. Were they good fishermen? What were they like? And so on and so forth.

So, to answer such questions, I'll devote this article to doing that.

I was born in Brooklyn some 70 odd years ago and many of those early years were spent in a tenement house in what is now called the Bushwick section. This is where I first became truly interested in fishing and from whence came all those now long-gone old-timers and master fishermen from whom I learned so much and so often write about.

I had many boyhood chums, one being crotchety Artie Leidecker with whom I still fish today (65 years this past month!) and who is closer than a brother. But there were others, some whose names I can no longer recall, and some whom I've written about several times. And of these, I want to tell you about my boyhood fishing chum Aaron Feldman.

But before I do I've got to tell you first about the Brooklyn school system of my day. So, if it appears I'm coming at you from left field, there's a reason for it. Not to fret; we'll get there.

Though we had some pretty smart kids in our school, our particular school would never have won a prize for producing Nobel or Pulitzer-type students. We had too much stacked against us for that. Those days still saw much European immigrations. Our streets (and therefore, our schools) were a babble of foreign tongues—mostly Italian, German, Polish and Lithuanian. Those of us who understood only English quickly gained a working knowledge of these tongues. In less than a year, however, most of those immigrant kids spoke fluent English with no trace of accent, using their native tongue only at home.

Our school also produced its share of bullies—fellows who took advantage of those not able to protect themselves. And one of these fellows was "BIG Gus," who was a year or two older than most and who used his extra strength and height to laud it over those smaller or weaker.

One morning on our way to assembly hall, I saw Big Gus slyly shove a little girl part way down a flight of steps and I called him on it. Foolish me. The guy was at least a head taller and much heavier. I was sorry I opened my mouth as one word led to another until finally Gus challenged me to meet him in the school yard after supper.

After school that afternoon, I looked up my buddy Aaron and told him what happened.

"Yeah," Aaron said. "I know that guy. One time Pa caught him stealing cigarettes from the store. (Mr. Feldman owned the neighborhood candy store.) "you gonna meet him?"

"I got to."

"He's gonna knock your head off your shoulders. You know that?"

"Yeah. I know that."

"And you're still going?"

"Dammit, Aaron, I said I'd be there!"

"Okay. I'm going with you. Maybe between the two of us we'll make them earn what lumps they give us."

And that's the kind of friend and buddy Aaron Feldman was.

Big Gus never showed, although Aaron and I hung around the school yard for over an hour. The next morning at school I stopped him in the hallway and asked why. He said he didn't feel well, or he forgot, or something like that. Just like every bully in the world.

"He stepped aboard, tears streaming down his face. 'Tom died last night fellers,' he said. And that was all he said. He stepped back on shore and disappeared amongst the strollers. We never saw Cyril again."

Aaron and I chummed around for a long time, fishing every chance we could. (Boy, did we do a number on those Sheepshead Bay snappers and lafayettes!) We had long dreams of one day owning a party boat together, but that dream ended during World War II when Aaron died on Guadalcanal, August, 1942.

Now, we'll get to fishing—but a word of warning: we aren't finished with friendship yet.

During the early Thirties, I was a mate on the old Rose R II out of Canarsie. Fishing was pretty good those days, though we didn't knock 'em dead as many times as you may have been told. Most of us who learned the ropes learned them from the old regulars who frequented many of the party boats of the day. It seemed there was nothing about the fishing game that these fellows didn't know.

One of those regulars who unselfishly shared his knowledge with me was a black man named Cyril. He was some fisherman, let me tell you! Codfishing was his love and I believe he knew more about these fish than any mortal man had a right to. Every regular aboard the Rose R liked Cyril—it was impossible not to. It was "Hey! Here comes Cyril! He'll show you how to catch 'em." Or "Hi, Cyril, gonna knock 'em dead today?" Cyril would grin and say something such as "Don't worry, guys; I'll leave some for you."

Now, Cyril's best friend was a white man named Tom. They were inseparable. You never saw one without the other close by. I'd been told their friendship went back at least 40 years, and that it was fishing which brought them together.

As I got the story, both Cyril and Tom were childless widowers and had been so for years. They had first become acquainted when working as van men for a piano moving company. From there a deep and abiding friendship blossomed, nurtured by an intense love for fishing. They worked and fished together for years until the tragic day when Tom was seriously injured on the job. So seriously that he could never work again.

When it became apparent that Tom would have to struggle just for meager existence, Cyril took over. He gave up his own flat and moved in with Tom. He would allow nothing to happen to his old friend. Cyril paid

the rent, bought the food, did the cooking, bought medicine which Tom so desperately needed—all these things he did, things that without which we as humans cannot long exist. He nursed Tom far enough back to good health so that they could again go fishing. It had taken several years.

Then one day this great friendship came to a tragic end.

It occurred on a December day in 1934. We were codfishing on the offshore Seabright grounds and Tom was beside me at the stern rail. The cod, all pretty good sized, were coming over the rail with regularity. As I recall, few fish were under ten pounds and many reached the 20 lb. mark. I was 20 years old at the time and these fish were giving me a hard time, therefore, I wasn't surprised when Tom, who was then in his mid-sixties, put his rod aside and stopped fishing.

"Can't take it, eh, Tom" I joked.

"Boy, Marty, I feel rotten. I'm weak and I'm dizzy. Maybe I'll go down below for awhile."

Cyril, who seemed always supersensitive to his friend's reactions, took him gently by the arm and led him to the forward cabin. Minutes passed and I continued to fish, taking needed time out to gaff a fish here and there. Then I heard a commotion near the pilot house. I reeled in quickly, lay the rod aside and went forward.

There stood a very much upset Cyril. "I think Tom's having a heart attack. Skipper, I think he's dying! Please...can't we go in?"

"You bet, Cyril. Lines up, fellers! Marty, get that anchor in! Hurry! Cut if you have to!"

During those days party boats didn't have ship-to-shore phone or other electronic devices. Once you were out there you were on your own. But we hooked up that old Fairbanks-Morse diesel as far as it would go. Black smoke belched from the funnel and fortunately the seas were calm enough so that we could keep up the pace.

When we arrived off Barren Island, we slowed and asked several pier fishermen to phone ahead and have an ambulance meet us at the dock. This they did, for when we arrived, much medical help was available. Tom was taken away and for two days no one knew what had happened.

Then Cyril showed up one afternoon just as we returned from offshore. He stepped aboard, tears streaming down his face. "Tom died last night, fellers," he said. And that was all he said. He stepped back on shore and disappeared amongst the strollers.

We never saw Cyril again.

So—this was the friendship some fishermen had for each other. I like to think it still exists. And I hope, too, that I've answered many reader's questions. (I wish they were all this easy.) Good solid friendship—there's nothing like it!

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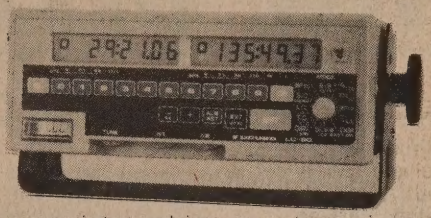

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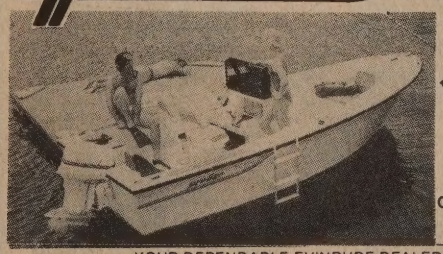

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EXPLORING THE DELAWARE

by Jim Capossela

How would you reply if someone said to you, "You have one week to live. What would you like to do and where would you like to be?" Well, speaking for myself, one of the two things I'd like to do is fish, and the place I'd like to be is camping on the Delaware River.

That's a big statement. But just picture yourself in this scenario.

It's 6AM on an early summer morning. You open your eyes and without even moving in your cozy sleeping bag, you see the river flowing enticingly by. Two ghost-like figures materialize through the mist, and you quickly don your waders to join them. The river's only twenty steps away.

The mist eventually rises to reveal the lovely, somber green of the Catskill Mountains. After a pleasant two hours of fly casting and perhaps a trout or two, the matchless aromas of sizzling bacon and perking coffee draw you back to your camp site. The breakfast lasts an hour and a half and the bacon goes perfectly with sourdough pancakes and biscuits layered with sweet butter and raspberry jam. Then you take a long sun-nap on a blanket beside your tent.

In the forenoon, you pull out a little portable fly tying kit and tie up a half-dozen Royal Wulffs. Then, after a swim in the crystal clear river, you have a bite and do your pleasant camp chores.

Next? Tubing, of course! The campground owner takes you and your fellow campers upriver five miles, and you drift back lazily in your inner tube. Along the way, you make mental notes of the best fish-holding lies. The next day you do the same thing, only by canoe.

At 5PM, you rough it with a frontier dinner: fresh trout amandine, dilled potatoes and perhaps a slab of barbecued venison ribs. You watch with satisfaction as other campers ogle the sourdough biscuits and blueberry pie rising in your reflector oven.

At 7PM, you're back on the river, and—good news! There's a blue winged olive hatch. You land a somersaulting 14 inch rainbow and a smaller brown, then right at dark, lose an arm-long rainbow which pops your 4X tippet like so much spider web. Later, around the campfire, you sing John Denver songs and toast marshmallows with your friends. Then, when only embers remain of another perfect Catskill day, you climb into your tent, zip up your sleeping bag and settle back to the unbelievably soothing rhythm of the river flowing by. Before you drift off to dreams of trout, bass and shad you have one last conscious thought: I wonder what the poor people are doing this week.

Camping and fishing on the Delaware go together like bacon 'n eggs... or sausage and pancakes, if you prefer. You can do just one or the other, course, but why not do both? A weekend of this stuff is just not enough. I go for a week every year.

The Delaware is a long river. Here, we will discuss what might be considered the upper Delaware—the East and West Branches and the main stem from Hancock down to Callicoon. This is generally acknowledged to be the range of the trout in the Delaware. Some trout are caught downriver of Callicoon, but usually either in early season or at the mouths of certain trout-holding tributaries.

In the upper Delaware, there are rainbow trout, brown trout, smallmouth bass and some walleyed pike. These are the primary game fish, and there are also panfish like perch and bluegills in the slower pools. In the East and West Branches, there is at least a sparse scattering of native brook trout.

The East Branch, West Branch and main stem are all distinct and different. Before we discuss the fishing, though, some further notes on the

camping and boating.

Fortunately, there are many campgrounds on the upper Delaware (see sidebar). Some rent canoes, and to show how important a business canoeing is, some campgrounds **only** take in campers who are also going to canoe. Campground proprietors will almost always take you upriver (usually about $1 per mile) and then you simply float back to your camp. No need for heavy lifting or jockeying cars back and forth. By my observations, though, most serious Delaware fishermen, self included, prefer wading to boating. If you go for several days, a one day or half-day float is helpful, however, as you get to learn the water fast. Good advice is to stop frequently and pull up your canoe to fish from shore. The Delaware, especially the main stem, must be fished slowly and deliberately.

In the upper Delaware Valley there are also a few places not associated with campgrounds that rent canoes. One is the Hankins House. If you have your own canoe, ask the campground owner about good launching places. Access is very good.

Although recent rains may well have changed the situation, at this writing low water has made the West Branch impossible to canoe and the East Branch difficult. Normally, both branches have enough water at least through May, and especially with the bigger East Branch, sometimes through the whole summer. It's not a guarantee, though, so check ahead of time. The main stem, on the other hand, is virtually always floatable.

Canoe fishermen will be glad to know that there is no difficult white water in the entire section of the Delaware discussed here. It's mostly Class I with a little Class I mixed in.

When is the best time to go? Normally, April is very cold and nasty in the Catskills, with snow possible any time. This year it was just the opposite, though, and both the weather and the fishing were excellent. For campers, May usually herald the season, but this month too can be iffy weatherwise. Nonetheless, May will bring on good hatches and fly fishing is best from April 20th to June 20th. I prefer summer for camping on the Delaware, because I also like to go swimming and tubing. In July and August, hatches are much sparser, but there are almost always some rising fish in early morning and evening.

September weather is usually excellent for camping. The Catskills cool extremely fast after September 1st, though, so if you want to also enjoy swimming, etc., don't plan on September. From a fishing standpoint, September often spells low water and very sparse fly activity. The trout season on the Delaware ends September 30th.

Most Delaware Valley campgrounds accommodate both tents and pop-ups, and many also have seasonal spaces for trailers. An average campsite runs $10 to $12 per night for tenters, a few bucks more with hookups. Seasonal (year-round) spaces may run $600 to $800.

The West Branch has offered truly excellent trout fishing over the past five years, due to more consistent water discharges from Canonsville Reservoir. The browns in here are fat, healthy and abundant; there are also rainbows in the ratio of about one for every four or five brown trout.

I like thinking that the East Branch is a river that loners and mavericks like myself gravitate to. It's difficult, whimsical and extremely challenging. But for these and other reasons, it's much more lightly fished than the West Branch. It is also much nicer trout water than the shallower West Branch.

Compared to the West Branch, the East Branch has relatively sparse fly life. Rising fish are the exception rather than the rule. There are, however, extraordinary numbers of stoneflies and green drakes, and other insects are in evidence, too. There are really two distinct sections of the East Branch: above the village of East Branch and below it. Above it there is much more civilization, including campgrounds, cabins, etc. This upper section is very much affected by the cold water released from Pepacton Reservior, and in fact, there is even some surprisingly good brook trout fishing here. At the village of East Branch, the Beaverkill River enters and this warms up the East Branch considerably. These temperature differences make the

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— IF YOU GO —

Following is some information pertaining to camping and fishing on the upper Delaware River. For a complete list of campgrounds, resort hotels, bungalows, boat rental places, restaurants, etc. send for a very helpful brochure (free) titled: *I Love New York Sullivan County Travel Guide.* It is available from: **Sullivan County Office of Public Information,** Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello, New York 12701.

For similar information on the East and West branches which fall within Delaware County, write to: **Delaware County Chamber of Commerce,** 56 Main Street, Delhi, New York 13753.

Campgrounds on the Upper Delaware:

Upper Delaware Campgrounds Inc., Box 331, Callicoon, New York 12733, (914) 887-5344.

Red Barn Campground, Hankins, New York 12741, (914) 887-4995.

Delaware River Campground, Hale Eddy Road, RD #1, Box 148, Hancock, New York 13783, (607) 467-3216.

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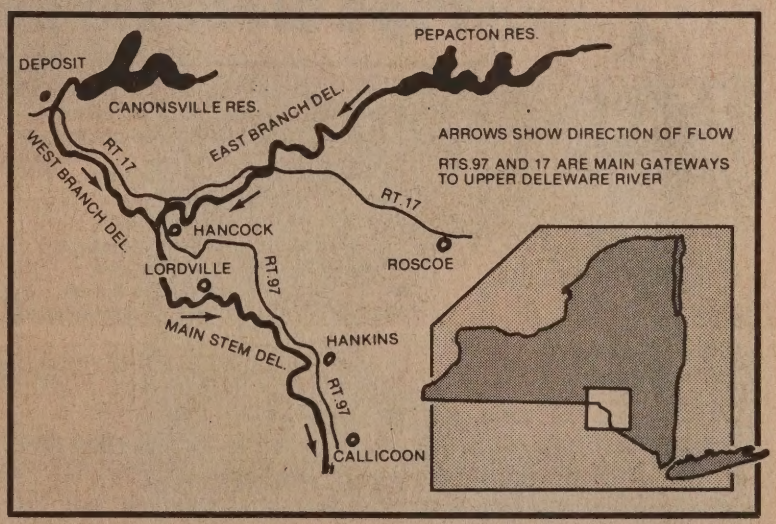

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hatches and the fishing different from the upper section to the lower section.

Access to the East Branch is very good, while access to the West Branch is spotty. On the latter, where posting is considerable, try walking the railroad tracks to gain access to the non-posted water.

The main stem is big water, big enough to hold rainbows that seem to peak out at about 22 inches and browns that grow much bigger than that. There are also more smallmouths than further upstream, as well as walleyes in certain deeper runs and pools. The famous Delaware shad run is at its peak in this part of the main stem in mid to late May. The east Branch also sees an excellent shad run, but here the peak activity is a week or two later. The main stem of the Delaware now lies within a national park, a "Wild, Scenic and Recreational River." Access is generally very good from Hancock all the way down to Port Jervis. Parking is not a problem for the most part.

Trout fishing on the big Delaware is very, very difficult. As one campground proprietor told me, you simply have to put in your time. Spin fishermen would do well to bring some floating minnow-type lures such as the Rapala. Fly fishermen should be sure to have a good selection of blue-winged olives in different sizes as these flies seem very prevalent on the Delaware. Also be sure to have a good selection of high riding hair-winged flies.

The big Delaware in summer is besieged with canoeists, tubists and other non-fishing vacationers. This may be part of the reason why midday fishing is so tough. Seldom will you see rising fish during the day, but you can drum them up through the use of persistant "exciter fishing" techniques. Cast your fly to a likely pocket fifty, even a hundred times. Sometimes you'll wake up a lethargic rainbow or brown. In summer, the very best time is the last half hour of light; the last 15 minutes that you can see is **the** time. **Do not miss it**. There is almost always a spinner fall just before dark, and trout will come up for them. Be prepared for this late day activity by organizing your flies, leaders, etc.

Secondarily, early morning can offer some good fly fishing. The well-known tiny "trico" hatch is a good one here and it can persist for weeks. Even when there is no rise of fish in early morning a well presented fly will draw results. Fortunately, it's not hard to get motivated for this early fishing when you need walk only a few steps to the water.

Here is how I would summarize fishing on the Delaware: the East Branch is where you go for challenge; the main stem is where you go for excitement, and the West Branch is where you go to catch fish! Whatever you opt for, a good campground will be in the neighborhood. But even if you catch nothing, you'll never find a nicer place to do it.

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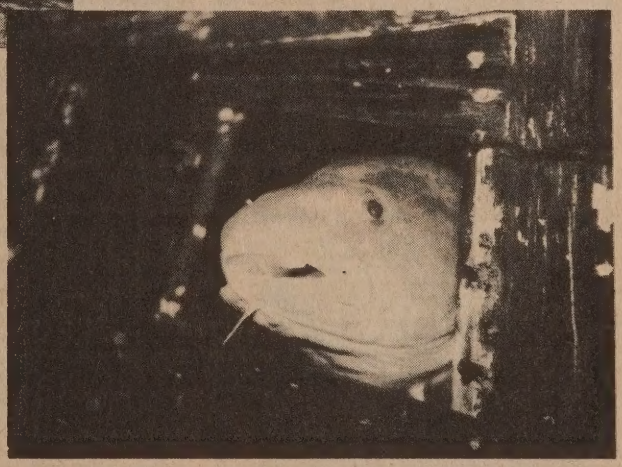

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SUMM AT CU

by Jo

During the summer months, schools of bluefish gather in the waters surrounding Long Island. Whenever these schools are located, fishermen are treated to exciting sport with a game fish that does not know the meaning of the word surrender. For the most part, anglers fishing from a boat have an advantage because they are able to follow the fish. The surf caster, on the other hand, must wait for the schools to swim within reach. There are some shore locations which seem to hold more of an attraction in this regard and therefore, are the most likely areas to seek such an encounter.

During migration, schools of game fish are more apt to be found spread along the open beach, a time in which they take advantage of the myriad baitfish leaving the protection of the sheltered bays. In late summer this pattern has not yet been established, but the stage is being set. Inlets are now becoming engorged with last spring's spawn, as multitudes of baitfish make their first tentative approach to the sea. The predator, which has spent the past several weeks scouring the offshore waters needs little tempting to join the feast.

This time honored ritual is repeated in many inlets along the coast. Again, some are more productive than others and for fishermen bound to the beach, some are more accessible than others. This latter feature can be a good point or a bad point depending on one's outlook. Moriches Inlet is one such location, which is blessed wtih annual forays by bluefish. The western shore, a Suffolk County Park, is reached after a 6 mile trek along the beach and is limited to county residents. While the eastern bank of the inlet is also governed by Suffolk County, the restrictions for the parking lot and access road leading to the inlet seem to be eased after the Labor Day weekend.

The parking area serving Cupsogue County Park, is located approximately a mile east of the inlet. A sufficient obstacle to keep the less serious fishermen from crowding the inlet area, but also a location which has produced fish while others waited at the jetty for fish which failed to show. The dirt road, providing access to the inlet, skirts the northern edge of the parking field and is intended for four wheel drive vehicles with a County permit. This road terminates a hundred yards or so short of the inlet, a point beyond which all vehicles are restricted from further travel.

The recently reconstructed jetty, stabilizing the east bank of the inlet, still provides a level platform from which to cast. As in all instances where stationary objects are washed by the sea, marine vegetation clings to the sides of the jetty making any approach to the water precarious at best. Smaller fish can usually be swung ashore, but those successful anglers who have hooked a larger fish are confronted with a slight problem. I say slight, if there is a buddy willing to pick his way to the water's edge gaff the fish; otherwise the angler w be forced to ease his own way over t slippery rocks. Naturally a lo handled gaff would facilitate matte greatly, but when the tide is nearir its bottom, the distance between t top of the jetty and the water is t great for this act to be accomplishe without difficulty.

When pursuing bluefish at th time of the season, the need f concern over such matters is minima Bathing suits and sneakers are t normal attire and if an outsize bluefish is hooked there are usual fellow anglers willing to lend helping hand. It was mentioned on as a warning for those unfamiliar wi fishing from a jetty.

Sturdy tackle is recommended f those contemplating an attempt fishing Moriches Inlet. Long casts a rarely necessary, the fish are often your feet, but heavy pressure shou be brought to bear when fighting fish in this waterway. The full force

Combo baits such as this deadl on the larger flatties. Proper pr

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he ebb tide coupled with the likeli-
ood of similar anglers lined up
owntide, will create problems if the
ish is allowed to run.

A 10 foot medium action rod joined
o a reel similar to the Penn 706,
pooled with at least 15 lb. test line,
would be adequate for this sport.
When the fish are found along the
and beach to the east, which fre-
uently occurs to the gratification of
nost anglers, lighter weight tackle
an sometimes be substituted. How-
ever, there are times when the
chools refuse to venture close to the
vash and long casts are therefore a
ey to success.

As mentioned, expensive equip-
nent is not necessary. When the sun
s shining brightly, protection against
a sunburn is the sole consideration.
The classic weather combination of
vind, clouds and rough seas, is not
equired to produce blitz-type fishing.
What is required is a supply of lures
nd wire leaders. I enjoy watching
ish attack a popping plug. Therefore,

sand eel and squid are effective
on is important.

I am inclined to use them more than tin. Whichever type of lure is chosen matters little when the bluefish enter the inlet in pursuit of bait. At such times the scene taking place literally at one's feet is one to stir the blood of even the most sated angler. Screeching birds, spraying bait, and the surface churned to a froth by predators recklessly striking anything that moves is the classic scenario. Doubleheaders and lost lures are commonplace and at such times, it is foolish to cast expensive lures into the midst of such havoc. It is preferable to work the edges of the school with the dregs of your plug bag for now it matters little what is thrown their way.

Fortunately, for fishing should not always be that easy, the blues settle down and any response must be earned. A pencil popper, dancing wildly across the surface with a slow retrieve, is a plug designed to generate interest in an otherwise indifferent predator. Tins cast uptide and worked slowly along the bottom (be careful of the rocks as the lure nears the base of the jetty), is another technique used successfully on lethargic fish. Tins with single hooks are less likely to snag debris on the bottom and are much easier to disengage from a toothy jaw. The addition of colored tubes, white, green or red are an enticement highly successful on many occasions but unnecessary on others. Their addition to a plug bag is urged.

While the use of a 12 inch length of plastic coated wire leader will not guarantee the return of every lure, its addition will substantially reduce their loss. It should also be pointed out that the line should be checked repeatedly for nicks or abrasions, from either the rocks or the teeth of bluefish. Regardless of how wild the fishing is at the moment, weaknesses such as these should be eliminated immediately.

Similar to all instances where fishing an inlet is involved, the ebb tide is the overall favorite. The further into the tide, the better, for very often the last hour or so produces the best fishing. On many occasions, the better fishing will carry over into the initial stages of the flood.

Southerly winds are generally considered to improve fishing in the south shore surf, but the bluefish herding bait in Moriches is more dependent on the tide. Blustery northerly winds do seem to put a damper on this fishing. In all likelihood because bright sun, calm seas and crystal clear water usually accompanies these winds. In any event, all this means little when the bluefish are on their feed.

Vacation's end is approaching fast, the routine of school, work and related endeavors leaves many with little time to enjoy pursuits such as these. A few hours, spent with the family at Cupsogue could go a long way towards providing a store of pleasant memories for the hectic season ahead.

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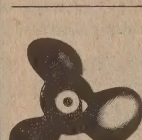

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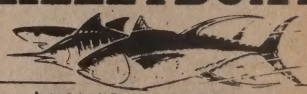

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Last week's full moon worked its magic on East End fish, bringing vast schools of porgies into Gardiner's and Montauk waters, as well as giving appetites to tuna and bluefish. A new body of fluke seems to have moved into Shinnecock, while at Montauk, fluke have increased in quality and quantity in all traditional fluke haunts. Catches of porgies, weaks and blowfish in the Peconics increased. Snappers are everywhere. Sharking picked up with some close in, feeding on bluefish.

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Action on the charter boat scene was very good after the full moon.

Captain Jay Rigano tried for tuna with the Sturino Group at the Butterfish Hole on a full day trip on Friday meeting with poor results. However, on Saturday, the **Lori-Jay** hit the jackpot: Daniel Rigan, Lou Santiani with Scott and Jim had their hands full of tuna. Total score: two 40 lb. albacore, four 40 lb. bluefins, eight yellowfins, 60 to 80 lbs., and a bonus of a 55 lb. white marlin with Louie on the rod. All the action took place at the east tuna grounds trolling lures.

Captain Mike Albronda has been constantly finding sharks all season on the **Montauk**. Last Monday's trip hooked up with five blue sharks plus a mako of 110 lbs. with Dan Behumunth. On Tuesday, John Montifireri boated a 279 lb. mako; a larger one was hooked and lost. Bruce Burgess and his group used both jigs and bait for 14 school bluefin tuna in the 50-70 lb. class on Wednesday. Saturday's shark trip with Henry Maltione and his friends tangled with two brown sharks, two mako sharks and a very small bluefin. For a change of pace, Sunday's trip on the **Montauk** at Cartwright with the Marinocco party fished for big blufish where blues to 12-15 lbs. jumped on baited rigs. Highlight of the day for a fine lady angler on the charter was the sudden appearance of a large thresher shark which ate a bait meant for a bluefish. Apparently, the large shark grabbed the bait, leaped out of the water (landing 15 ft from the boat) and made another jump before breaking the line! Captain Mike stated that offshore fishing is getting better each day for shark and tuna.

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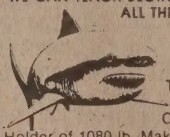

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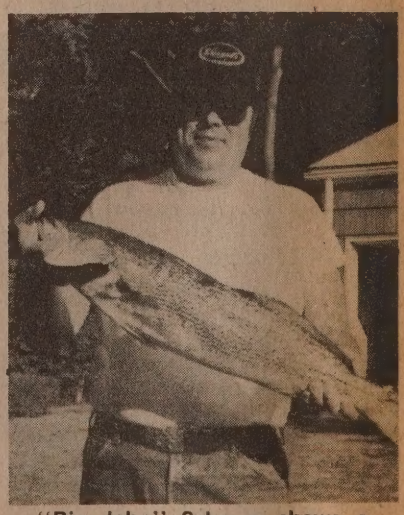

"Big John" Schauer shows a fine surf caught weakfish taken on a small Needlefish plug at Montauk. Subscriber photo.

of Block Island with Fred Vasdar and his friends boating 72 bluefish up to 8 lbs. While trolling an umbrella rig with red tubes at a "secret spot" on the trip home, a 30 lb. bluefin tuna hit the rig and was successfully fought by Fred. Thursday's scheduled tuna trip with Todd Kennedy and the G&L Hodson Corp. opted to fish inshore at first because of strong winds and bad seas in the morning. The group happily trolled 15 bluefish, 15 weakfish and 3 stripers (8-10 lbs) until the winds subsided. A quick trip south of Montauk to the tuna grounds found a total of four bluefin tuna in the 50 to 70 lb. range taken on jigs and bait. It was bluefish for the weekend, with Joe Catroni and his friends baiting 35 large bluefish at Cartwright on Saturday (plus 15 fluke at the North Rips on the way home). Saturday night Bob Ciccotelli and a dozen friends bailed monster blues, 15 to 16 lbs.; Sunday's day trip did the same, with 7 year old Wayne, Jr. accounting for nine fish alone. A blue shark, estimated at about 60 lbs., took a bluefish bait but was lost at the boat.

Captain Bentivegna, Jr. fished Noman's Land on the weekend, on an overnight charter with Harvey Holmes and his son Ken on the **Pronto**. Although the group struck out on tuna, they did catch gorilla blues at night, with a very large brown shark causing some excitement when it took a whole rigged bluefish. A quick stop at Cox's Ledge (1/2 hr) found 9 codfish all weighing in the teens with top weight 25 lbs.

Captain Jim Flowers reported a great week on tuna, fishing on the **Mary-A** south of the Point at the Butterfish Hole. Wednesday's group with the Sanchez party fought and boated bluefin and yellowfin tuna to 109 lbs. On Friday, the Doria party returned with four bluefin to 60 lbs. The **Mary-A** was high hook for the tuna fleet on Saturday with the Coopers from Westchester catching 12 tuna in the 60 lb. class. The Donovans returned to Albany on Sunday with two bluefin and a 115 lb. yellowfin, all taken on bait.

Captain Bill Ricca, with Bob Start and three friends, bagged 41 cod at Cox's Ledge on Friday on the **Alyssa Ann**. Top weight fish was 34 lbs. Full moon and winds made heavy leads a necessity and probably held down the catch. Saturday's trip with Andrew Lee and his friends switched from shark to porgies, since sharks were not cooperative. The group caught four pails of porgies with some sea bass. Sunday's trip, a planned porgy trip with Tom and Tommy Jorday, saw all sizes of porgies, some blacks, sea bass and blowfish caught at Great Eastern and the South Side.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** reports that sharking has vastly improved: a mako of 110 lbs. was caught on a weekend charter, with many brown sharks hooked and released. Inshore, very large bluefish—some to 15 lbs. are reliable south of Block Island.

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Captain Rich Wight finds his "California" methods of tuna fishing consistently producing fish: on Wednesday a charter with Pete Martin on the **Fortuna** returned with 11 tuna to 110 lbs., Saturday's group with Rich Frisina returned with three yellowfin, all close to 100 lbs., five bluefin and a 58 lb. white marlin. On Saturday, no tuna method produced, so the group caught a mess of fluke on the way home. I understand that a live bait well is in the process of being installed on the boat, so that live bait will be on the menu.

Early last week, Doug Stern caught a medium size bluefin on the **Adios** after a giant pulled the hook. Wednesday's group found bluefin tuna in the 40 lb. class, however, a mako shark entered the slick and ate up the chum, bait and leaders. Capt. Lewis found small tuna on Sunday but was plagued by sharks again. Murphy's law strikes again!

Friday on the **Little Bear**, Betty Lee put 70 porgies in her buckets. On Saturday Dave Carter boated 199. One must wonder how many hooks Dave uses. Captain Bird of the Montauk based open boat **Flying Cloud** reports excellent porgy fishing all week—including the weekend. High hook both on Saturday and Sunday was Bronx resident Willie Cornell who fished both days, catching 147 porgies. Pool fish on Tuesday, a 9 lb. weakfish was caught by Fred Artis of the Bronx; on Wednesday, Jerry Nobel of Jersey City took the money with a 5½ lb. fluke, while on Saturday Bronx resident Danny Rivera's 8 lb.

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blackfish was good for the money. Captain Bill Bird describes the **Flying Cloud's** night bluefish trip, leaving at 7PM as "absolutely a slaughter."

Captain Richie Rade called to say that fluking on the **Marlin IV** continues red hot and from all indications should hold up for the next month or so. On Thursday, three generations of Rothschulds—Harry, his son Fred and two grandchildren, put 32 fluke to 6 lbs. into their cooler. On Friday 21 to 5 lbs. were caught by Young Kim of Plainview. Saturday's pool was won by Frank Gismondi whose 8½ lb. fish was the largest among the 18 in his catch. Bluefishing is really good at Cartwright at night, with some fish now in the 20 lb. class. It's not unusual to see catches of 10-20 or more blues per man. Most fish are upwards of 12 lbs.

Captain Paul Forsberg stated that all **Viking Fleet** fishing is outstanding; with cod exceptionally good. The combination cod and bluefish trips on Sunday and Monday are so productive that anglers are urged to bring large coolers to keep the catch cold. Fluking is still good, although sea robins have moved into the fluke grounds. Sunday afternoon was an exceptionally productive fluke trip with almost every fish a keeper, pool fish on most trips in the 4-5 lb. range. Night bluefish trips on the **Viking** bluefish boats are tremendous, according to Capt. Paul with almost all fish ranging in the teens and upwards. To accommodate everyone comfortably on weekend bluefish trips there will be two bluefish boats sailing each Saturday night as long as the fishing holds up. Make a note: the **Viking Fleet** will schedule daytime school tuna trips, and Nomans Land porgy trips beginning in early September.

Both rental and marina based boats at **Uilhein's Boat Rentals** cashed in on the fluke which converged upon Montauk this week. Tony Rozolico who fished every day during the past week said that the incoming tide is best, his best bait is squid and sand eel combination. Working both inner and outer Shagwong, Tony manages at least 15 fluke per trip, all 16 inches or better. Eugene Smith found sea bass, porgies and 15 fluke at 5 lbs. at the North Rips on Sunday. Fishing the same area, Michael and Wendy Connally with Randy and Rosie Miller managed 18 fluke on one trip, 15 on another. Richard Kein of Queens, with Mariane Errico of California fished only four hours for a dozen fluke to 4 lbs. Johnny Kay, Senior and Junior found 15 fluke at Shagwong at the incoming tide and buoy 5 on the outgoing. Steve Friedman, Ses O'-Donald and friends used tinker mackerel along with squid and sand eels for 20 nice fluke on Sunday.

Maureen Sennefelder of **Gone Fishing Marina** has picked up considerably the past week, with fluke now at the South side under the Radar Dome, porgies at Great Eastern and Gardiner's Island and bluefish closer to the Point. Frank Savage of Bayville fished on his marina based boat "Mimi" at the Midway Rip on the incoming tide, where he picked up 25 fluke and 10 bluefish. The Chiropractic trio—Drs. Mel, Jim and Tony—traveled to Cox's Ledge on Dr. Mel's "Outrage" on Saturday. The group handily manipulated 70 codfish onto their lines, into the boat. Most fish were in the 15-20 lb. range.

SOUTH FORK

Fishing has dramatically improved in the east end bays according to Dick Mendelman of **Harbor Marina** in **Three Mile Harbor**. Mr. Zuccotti used large red tubes, trolled on umbrella rigs for bluefish of 15 pounds on Cartwright Shoals, just south of Gardiner's Island. Trolling small tubes resulted in smaller fish 2-4 pounds. Blues were also discovered in the rips at the Ruins over the weekend. Fluke, scattered catches, were reported in the channel at Napeague. Lots of snappers have congregated at Three Mile Harbor making it easy to catch a five gallon bucket of them.

Anglers on the **Sag Harbor** based open boat **Wilhelric II** are filling their coolers with porgies up to three pounds. Some examples: On Friday, Pedro Loran of New York City put 143 porgies in his cooler. The same day, Joe "the Exterminator" caught 180. On Saturday most anglers had at least 50, while Peter Kilanowski caught 93. Sunday's catch was the same. If you want to fill your freezers with porgies, better strike while the iron is hot. Because of the RED HOT porgy action, the **Wilhelric II** has added an extra day to its porgy schedule, saving Tuesday and Wednesday for fluke.

Fish catches have improved tremendously since the full moon. On Saturday, Thomas McDowell filled two large coolers with porgies. A by catch of two blackfish, big trigger fish, and blowfish was the icing on the cake. According to Chris Salb, speaking for **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor**, most of the porgy action is centered near Cedar Point at Buoy 6 at the edge of the channel. Another rental boat manned by Arthur Godsden and his friends caught weakfish in the 4-5 pound class, along with a couple of buckets of porgies, same spot. Chris will be happy to mark out the exact location of the catch for you. Just drop in!

Shinnecock fluke have emerged in

super numbers according to Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton**, with incomming tide the best fishing action. Some anglers on Saturday caught as many as 12-15 keepers in as little as an hour's fishing time. Most of the fish are keepers in the 2½ to 3 pound class. Best action was the East Channel back inside to the Red Can. West of the Ponquoqe Bridge is still a flounder hotspot. Snappers are in at Towd Point and Cold Springs, among many other spots, with great catches by all the kids. A catch of 33 porgies along with bluefish and weaks was reported in the Peconics by an angler fishing south of the Middle Grounds, indicating that action in this area is on the upswing.

Sherry noted an increase in the number of fluke brought into **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** over the weekend. John and Rosemary Edelen fished with Jack and Suzette on the marina based boat, "Irish Mist" for about a dozen fluke and a couple of blackfish. Walter, Frankie, and Ken Aupperlee, New Jersey residents, located 20 fluke.

Rosemary Malone feels that a new body of fluke has moved into the Shinnecock area, since the numbers of fluke put aboard the **Jenny Rose** over the weekend have increased dramatically. On Friday Toby and Steve Buxbaum teamed for a catch of 21 fluke. Pool fish was 3¾ pounds. Saturday's ocean wreck trip located some very large sea bass. Bob Lum won the pool with a sea bass of 4 pounds 15 ounces. Jody Haynes was high hook with 19 sea bass to 4¼ pounds, and three blackfish.

It paid to take a kid fishing from **Corr's Mariners Cove** in **Hampton Bays** this past week. Nick Triola brought his young son Paul, along with friend Herbie Kunis, on July 30th on the family boat "Chum Bum". The youngster hooked up and boated a mako of 148 pounds. On Saturday, John Paturno had 10 year old Anthony Cicogna along with his dad Joe, and Mike O Connell on an offshore trip on the "Hook-EM-Up". Mike's mako weighed in at 86 pounds, Anthony's yellowfin tuna was a whopping 155 pounds! In other offshore action, Louis Menicou battled with several brown sharks on a late afternoon Sunday trip. Rosemary noted that fluking has picked up with rental boats returning with as many as 15 keepers per trip. Erik Erker, flounder sharpie, caught 23 flounder on Sunday afternoon, while Bob "Butcher Boy" Dane located a mess of blues in the bay on a brief trip on the weekend.

Captain Don Van DeWater said that the best fluking is the incoming tide and the beginning of the outgoing at Shinnecock. A couple of dozen fluke, some weighing close to five pounds were caught aboard the **Dutch Treat** by the Frank Hoelin family, in a two hour fishing trip.

A blue marlin of 389 pounds was seen hanging at a local dock. The fish, along with a white marlin, was caught on the "Jenny II" which was reportedly fishing well offshore at the "Fishtails".

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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluking continued to lead the way along this stretch of the Island. Very good reports coming from Moriches and some of the best action in years taking place in Fire Island Inlet according to charter, private and open boat reports. I managed to get in a couple of trips to check first hand on the action and came away duly impressed.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

A good weekend with the fluke according to Andy Hegeman of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** in **Eastport**. He told of Charles Mehes, V Sherman and Joe Iucci who returned to the station with 19 keepers taken east of the Coast Guard Station on Saturday. The trio used sand eel and squid combos and fished the last of the flood and the first of the outgoing. Andy added that there are plenty of snappers throughout the bay now along with some real good crabbing in the Cove. Stan Dowling took 48 big blue claws from the mouth of Seatuck Creek on bunker baits.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** reported very good fluking just outside the inlet on the inlet bar with nearly all the fish being keepers. Some good fishing in the bay also but more short fish inside. Friday saw fares average 7 to 15 keepers apiece. Sunday's action got off to a good start outside the inlet. A later return to the bay resulted in a slow pick.

Gary Grunseich over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** reported some excellent fluking in the bay between buoys 29A and 39. To demonstrate just what is possible, Andy Stralkus, fishing alone on Friday racked up 42 keepers including a couple in the 3½ pound class. Spearing and squid combos seem to be working best and the last half of the incoming and first part of the outgoing has been the ticket in the tide department. Still flounder south of buoys 31 and 36 and snappers are all over the bay.

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Capt. Harry Dawkins of the **Moriches** charter boat **Frances Ann II** said that with tuna in a non-biting mood over the weekend he decided to switch over and do some wreck fishing. On Saturday, a dozen big sea bass and 8 cod were culled from a local wreck. On Sunday, a party headed by Tony Bocchieri put away 15 cod averaging 25 pounds as well as 5 pollock i nthe 8 to 12 pound class. They also found time to hook and drop a 200 pound mako.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that the best news locally is that snapper fishing is now in full swing at all docks in the area. Crabbing however has slowed. A few are being taken off the docks as are an occasional fluke. Fluke fishing in both Moriches and Fire Island Inlets has been very good with flood tide the key in both areas. Some fluke also back near the Coast Guard Station and Robert Moses Bridge in Great South Bay. On Sunday, Chris and Jeff VanHouten and Anthony Freda counted 18 fluke and 2 sea bass for their efforts. Some considerably larger scores being made at the inlet proper. A few small blues also at both inlets and a couple of small weaks and kingfish showed late last week at the Smith Point Bridge.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** came similar word of very good fluking taking place at the mouth of Fire Island Inlet. Some very fine scores were made during the week and over the weekend. One private boat with 3 anglers aboard accounted for 68 keepers on Saturday and another 45 on Sunday. Flood tide is the key and sandeels have been especially productive. Some small blues were taken in the inlet on the weekend but few exceeded the 1 pound mark. Snappers are solid at all the docks from Great River to Sayville. Good crabbing in this area as well.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Lisa Cioffi described the fluking in Fire Island Inlet as great with everybody coming back wearing smiles. A slow week on crabs but loads of snappers now at local docks and in all the creeks.

From **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller spoke of very good fluking for almost everyone working incoming water at the inlet. On Saturday, one boat with two anglers accounted for 61 keepers before returning for more sandeel bait. Saturday saw one private boatman return with a fair score of blues trolled on umbrellas in 90' of water south of Patchogue. The fish ranged from 7 to 11 pounds. Carl labelled the weekend's

offshore action as just fair. Carl knew of some yellowfin action at the Dip, Fishtails and NE of the Tower. Carl heard of a couple of big blue marlin as well as a couple of swordfish dropped over the weekend during the Capt. Bill's Marlin and Tuna Tournament. Mike Paulini had his first mako ever. The 80 pounder was taken south of the Inlet in 150' of water. Excellent snapper fishing at Bay Shore Marina and a steady pick of crabs at all the docks.

Captree's open and charter boat fleet continues to be the prime beneficiary of the excellent run of fluke currently settled in at the inlet. In the words of many skippers, the fishing is among the best its been in many years. Noel Kappauf of **Captree Bait Station** spoke of decent fluking off the dock right out in front of the station. He added that plenty of snappers are being taken here as well. Jones Beach piers now have more fluke than flounder with a 5¼ pound summer flattie taken this past week. Snappers also here in good numbers. Noel noted that the open and charter boat fleet continues to enjoy fantastic fluking with the best of the action reserved for the flood tide. Noel sent his 78 year old dad, Richard Kappauf, Jr. and a friend, Roger Harwood aboard the **Capt. Joseph II** one day this week. The pair returned with nearly 30 fine keepers.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** relayed word of excellent fluking during the week and weekend. Celia Zelinka and her family loaded up on a weekday trip this week. Best fishing is on the last half of the flood at the inlet. Most areas see 3 out of 4 keeper ratio while other spots produce a 50:50 ratio.

Capt. Joe DiLiberto of the **Captree** charter boat **Prime Time** said that Wednesday's charter for Carl Cincimino and 21 fellow officers from Nassau's 8th Precinct literally loaded up with fluke fishing near the mouth of the inlet near buoys 2A and 13. Weekend action was excellent with both Saturday and Sundays trips averaging 10 keepers per man. Some individuals do much better. Joe reminded that he still has some choice blackfish dates available for October. See his ad for details.

From Capt. Gordon Roman of the open boat **Captree Queen II** came similar reports of excellent fluking. Fares average 8 to 15 keepers a man on most trips with a large portion of the fish being taken above the 14" minimum size limit. Night bluefish trips have also been blessed with fine action with catches of 10 to 15 per man the rule over the weekend. Fishing is being done south of Patchogue.

Of the daytime bluefish action, Capt. George Tweedy of the open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported some great action during the week with up to 1000 blues coming aboard on some days. Unfortunately, the hot action did not carry through the weekend. Both Friday and Saturday were on the

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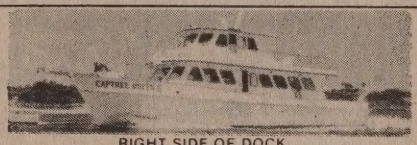
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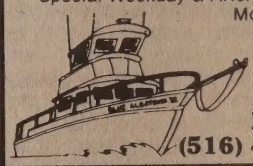

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tough side while Sunday rated a 'fair' from the veteran skipper.

Capt. 'Doc' Grell of the **Babylon** based charter boat **Moby Dick** is now available for full time charters from the Babylon Village Dock. He got his season off to a fine start on Sunday with a group of Chemical Bank employees. They put away a good score of summer flatties working over the Inlet's East Bar. Nearly all of the fish were keepers with the best action on the last of the flood on live killies.

Capt. Bob Newbauer of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that excellent fluking continued at Fire Island Inlet this week. Ten to fifteen keepers per man has been the norm with high hooks in the 20s. Friday's high hook had 24 keepers while Saturday saw 20 fish the top score. Pool fish ranges between 3½ and 4 pounds each day.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy spoke very highly of the current fluke action at Fire Island Inlet. He told of John Perron,e Joe Pallis and Bob Geiger who counted 46 keepers to 3½ pounds among their catch on Friday. On Saturday, Ed Finn put 28 keepers aboard his Cross Bones. Undoubtedly the best catch of the week was made on Wednesday by Don Urbanski, Bob Schwartz and Tony Daidone. The trio racked up an impressive tally of 127 fluke, 104 of which were keepers. Several fish in the 3 pound class were included in the score. All the fishing was done at the mouth of the inlet with the heaviest action coming on the last half of the flood. Cocktail blues were in the inlet on Friday and Saturday where they were taken on 007 jigs. Many boatmen who ran offshore on the weekend reported running over lots of bluefish from 70' of water on out. Many complained of bluefish jumping on trolled lures meant for tuna while others disrupted chum slicks set up for sharks. Snappers very good and nice size as well at the Village Dock. Tom labelled the crabbing as just fair this past week. He also relayed results of the Capt. Bill's Marlin and Tuna Tournament this past weekend. Despite 8 foot seas on Saturday, some impressive fish were encountered by contest entrants. Largest bigeye was taken aboard Henry Tamagni's 'Glass Machine'. It weighed 267 pounds. Steve Golder's 'Obsession' had the 2nd place bigeye with a fish of 258 pounds. Brothers Artie and Dick Orlandi of Augie's, earned the 'Tough Luck' award when a 100 pound bluefin tuna which was beaten and alongside the boat was mutilated by a shark. As a result, the tuna was disqualified and the boat and crew lost out on the unclaimed $20,000 first prize for the bluefin category. Hard luck stories came in big packages in this tourney. Herman Kornahrens ran his 'Dolphin K' to the Canyon and into an en-

counter with an estimated 1,000 pound blue marlin. According to reports, they had the fish to the boat before something failed and the fish was lost. Herman hails from East Islip. A pair of white marlin weighing 60 and 51 pounds earned 1st and 2nd place for Tony Povone's 'Irish Faker' and Frank Stallache's 'Intrepid'. Tom reported that 25 or so bigeyes were taken by boats in the tourney along with a fair number of yellowfin. One boat put away 13 yellowfin tuna. Speaking of yellowfins, Art Miller put a 127 pounder aboard Carl Christ's 'Party Time' at the Hudson Canyon.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** checked in a 5 pound weakfish for 14 year old Charles Smith on the weekend. It was the youngsters first weak and it was taken on a sandworm in the State Channel. Saturday, Vinnie and Rosalie Lang stopped to show a catch of 15 fluke taken on killie/squid combos near the Coast Guard Station. Also on Saturday, Rich Esposito and Joe Lubrano ran north of the Virginia to 150' of water aboard the 'Bold Eagle'. They took a 150 blue shark, an 80 pound dusky and dropped a big thresher. The 'Sweet Satisfaction' set up a chum slick on the NE edge of the Compass Rose. The crew put away a load of blues ranging between 15 and 20 pounds and also beat a 160 pound blue shark. Mike closed by saying that snapper fishing and crabbing both remain very good at local docks.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** Ralph Angelillo reported a catch of 5 yellowfins between 50 and 60 pounds taken by Phil Dandosi on Daisy Chain squid at the canyon. Bill Biscardi scored with a 160 pound dusky. Inshore, Glen Rankin used jellyworms to take 4 weaks along South Beach during the week. Good snapper fishing at Venice Marina with some 1 pound class snapper blues popping up on occasion as well. Tanner Park has both snappers and crabs in good numbers.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** Bob Vitale described excellent fluke fishing in Fire Island Inlet again this week. Sandeels, finger mullet and squid strips are being used on the fish. The biggest of the week was an 8 pounder taken by an anonymous angler on Saturday. Irwin Davidson had 20 fluke on Friday between the Lighthouse and the Coast Guard Station. On Sunday, Jim Braun had a 5½ pound fluke top off a nice catch of fish. Joe Bracco ran 10 miles SE of the inlet on Saturday to take 4 small duskies and a load of blues to 10 pounds. Dave Pincus and his family had a box of blues from 3 to 10 pounds on jigs SE of the inlet in 80-90' of water. Buzzy Bozelli continues to do a good job on big weakfish. He had tiderunners to 15 pounds this week fishing with live bunker around the Wantagh area. Plenty of crabs and snappers along with an occasional small weak or tailor blue from local docks.

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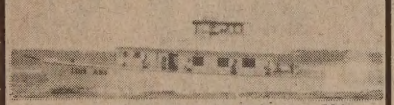

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Fire Island Inlet according to Frank Pristera of **Edelmans** in **Farmingdale**. On Saturday, Frank Annivale counted 25 keepers to 3 pounds for his efforts. Best bet for bluefish is the San Diego or SE of the NA buoy with chum according to Frank. Excellent crabbing continues amid the pilings of the Captree Bridge at night.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Fluking picked up as of this Thursday this past week, with apparently new shots of fish coming in from Jones Inlet. Bluefishing was slightly erratic with catches ranging from picky to spectacular depending on day, place and boat, with party and charter boats doing much better than trollers. The offshore scene seemed to be a pick, while snappers and blue claws are building very fast. Some weakfish and stripers being caught in the bays by liveliners and chunkers.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of Seaford, the open boat **Chinco III** has switched back to fluke exclusively, now that the fluke have taken hold again. Tuesday's high hook was 34 flounders and on the fluke high hook was 12 keepers. Flounder slowed as the week progressed while as a mirror image, fluke built up. Catches on the boat this week ran mainly from 2 to 5 lbs. Virtually no throwbacks said Brian. Both tides have been working on the fluke and all the usual baits are being hit. Best action has been mostly east of Seaford, Goose Creek and State Channel.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of a buildup in fluke catches to an average of 5-6 per rental skiff. Those still floundering are doing okay fishing the deep holes at the bridges, but the flatties are smaller now. Blue claws are showing while some bass and weaks are smacking fluke rigs in the 4 Corners area, with killy squid combos working best as hook bait. Best action is all around the low this past week.

From **Wanser's Tackle** also comes word of improved fluking with best areas being buoy 13 south of 4 Corners, Bulkhead drain and black banks. Some bass and small blues in the measured mile. Weaks taking snapper bait at the 3rd Wantagh and Meadowbrook bridges and black banks. Flounder still in the deep holes around the bridges and off Short Beach CG station, while blues are

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	1:30	1:55	2:20	2:55	2:10	2:50	3:25	4:00	5:10	5:25	5:10	5:35	1:30	2:10	8/8
FRI.	2:15	2:45	3:10	3:45	2:55	3:35	4:20	4:50	6:10	6:15	6:05	6:25	2:25	3:05	8/9
SAT.	3:10	3:40	4:05	4:40	3:50	4:25	5:20	5:40	7:30	7:15	7:00	7:20	3:25	4:00	8/10
SUN.	4:15	4:45	5:05	5:40	4:55	5:30	6:15	6:30	8:40	8:20	7:55	8:15	4:20	4:50	8/11
MON.	5:20	5:40	6:00	6:30	6:05	6:25	6:10	7:15	9:30	9:10	8:50	9:05	5:20	5:45	8/12
TUES.	6:15	6:35	6:55	7:20	7:00	7:15	7:55	8:00	10:15	9:55	9:40	9:55	6:10	6:30	8/13
WED.	7:10	7:20	7:45	8:05	7:50	8:00	8:40	8:45	10:50	10:40	10:25	10:40	6:55	7:15	8/14
THURS.	7:55	8:05	8:30	8:55	8:50	8:40	9:20	9:30	11:20	11:25	11:10	11:25	7:40	8:00	8/15

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/8	6:00	8:10
FRI. 8/9	6:01	8:09
SAT. 8/10	6:02	8:07
SUN. 8/11	6:03	8:05
MON. 8/12	6:04	8:04
TUE. 8/13	6:05	8:03
WED. 8/14	6:06	8:02

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 8/8	11:51PM	1:39PM
FRI. 8/9	—	2:42PM
SAT. 8/10	12:21AM	3:44PM
SUN. 8/11	12:51AM	4:46PM
MON. 8/12	1:41AM	5:44PM
TUE. 8/13	2:35AM	6:36PM
WED. 8/14	3:38AM	7:21PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
7/17	7/24	7/31	8/8

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:30	5:20	11:55	5:40
Fri.	—	6:00	12:10	6:25
Sat.	12:40	6:45	12:55	7:10
Sun.	1:25	7:30	1:40	7:55
Mon.	2:10	8:20	2:30	8:45
Tues.	3:00	9:10	3:20	9:40
Wed.	3:55	10:05	4:15	10:30
Thurs.	4:45	10:55	5:05	11:25

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The word out of **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** is that fluke are now being caught again with his rentals now bringing up to 7 again this mostly out of Great Island Channel and the cut going to Massapequa Cove. Plenty of snappers all over the place and good blue claw populations in the station's canal. Also mixed catches of small sea bass and sand porgies for the rentals.

In Wantagh, we hear from **Causeway Bait and Tackle** that fluking was very good on the weekend, mainly at Jones Inlet and the Meadowbrook area on the flood using spearing. Also relatively hot was the state channel from Tobay to Gilgo on killies with fish to 4 lbs. on incoming. Blue Baron managed 22 fluke to 3 lbs. 8 oz. on killies and squid and incoming water in the state channel on Saturday. A 5½ lb. fluke was taken on a live killie off the Jones Beach pier this week. Flounder action has been fair in the deeps with a lot of small fish. Action has been at the CG station and bridges on bloods. Snappers at Wantagh Park have ranged from good to red hot, now 6 to 7 inches long taking small spearing and sand eels. Bill Brandt of Hicksville on Friday night chunked a 27 lb. 4 oz. striper from the beach at West End 2. George Wright of Dallas, Texas took a 34 lb. 8 oz. cod and a 22 lber. while his dad Lloyd bagged a 23 lb. cod and Paul Giurco a 21 lb. cod, all SE of Jones on Sunday over a deep water wreck. They had another 6 cod in the boat as well.

As for the **Freeport Fleet** the **Super**

Spray II has been enjoying improved fluking mainly in Jones Inlet on their 2 trips daily with fish mainly keepers. The boat's night bluefishing trips have ranged from fair to very good throughout the week.

Flounder fishing remains good aboard the **Captain Andy II** though the skipper said the moon hurt alittle but action bounced back again right after the moon. Fish remain good size up to 2½ lbs. and fat but he did notice a few more midgets this week. The night blues have been a good item with mixed fish on the small size taken at Cholera and the Sisters.

We hear from Captain Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** he found fluking much improved everyday this past week with a 70 percent keeper ratio in the Jones Inlet area using sand eels on a flooding tide. Night blues have been running 1-12 lbs. between Cholera and the Sisters.

A call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's bluefish trip for the Jerry Dickson party jigging blues 18 miles south of Jones. Jigs accounted for a good day, running from patch to patch of fish up to 10 lbs. Sunday's trip for Knight Elevator Corp. fluked in Reynolds, Jones and Fundy and found fishing very good using squid and sand eels. The inlet was best on the AM flood tide. These are larger fish said Dennis with few throwbacks.

We learn from the **Star Stream II** that bluefishing was fair to good during the week on 2-4 lb. blues days. Most action has been SE of Jones in 100 feet of water. Fish were larger during the week, going to 6 lbs. with an occasional bonito mixed in. High hooks have been in the 20s. Saturday's night trip was good, with fish running 4-8 lbs. on bait and chum.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** informed us that fluking and bluefishing remains good with some days being off, but blues up to 13 lbs. Bart Thompson of Binghamton had the 13 lber while Kay Heffermann was runner up with a 12 lb. blue. Dave Wilson was high hook with 16 blues. Mildred Williams had 14 keeper fluke while Craig Wagner and Mike Walsh tied for the pool. Fishing has been best to the east on spearing and strip baits.

We hear from the charter boat **Lady J III** that the bluefish trips this week have been working SE of Jones Inlet 20 miles off in 40-105 feet of water jigging fish 2 to 10 lbs. and baiting these same fish at night. The week's fluke trips have been mainly in Jones Inlet and providing good action for a change on the new light colored fish.T Tuesday's trip was for fluke for Roosevelt Head Start. Wednesday's trip was for blues for group from Pathmark led by Pete Rosado while on Thursday it was blues again for A. Best Construction. Friday it was a fluke trip for Jeanette Brandofino while on Friday night the Nick Scotto group had bluefish. Saturday it was blues for the Archie McQueen Manhattan group.

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Fishing Station said the hottest fluke area this week was Sandy Hook. Local fluking picked up in the inlet, spearing best. Also the back bays of Merrick and Oceanside had good fluking. Flounder has been very good at the Short Beach CG Station and at the bridges. A few weakfish on 3X3 rigs using sand worms all around tje high. A few large weaks and bass on live bunker in Haunt Creek, CG station, Meadowbrook and Wantagh bridges. Bluefish in the Cholera⅓3 Sisters area has been hot and cold and the area from the Virginia to the Bacardi wrecks has seen off and on tuna trolling. A lot of brown and dusky shark in 100 ft. of water south of the inlet along with a few hammerheads.

Now switching back to fluke on his all day trip is Capt. Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou.** Fluking has picked up now quite a bit while at the same time flounder have slowed down some. On the **CL V** fishing half days Walter Dawon had 8 keeper fluke on one trip. On Friday over 125 keepers to 3 lbs. came over the rail. On Thursday Jim Si of Fiddler's Queen was happy with 10 keeper fluke and on Wednesday Mike Barnett had 9. On Thursday a 5 lb. fluke took the pool money for Morty Dralck and Artie Hall had 14 keeper fluke Sunday AM.

Over at **Ed's Fishing Station** in Point Lookout Eileen called the fishing "fabulous" over the weekend. She cited catches of 40 fluke by William Galefe and Mike Golabeck of NJ taken in Reynolds at Pole 19 on live killies Saturday AM on incoming. Four members of the Ophoff family managed 44 fluke working between buoys 19 and 20 up to 4 lbs. in the flats on killy squid combos and incoming water. Another customer bagged 27 keepers. It was 38 good fluke for Carmine Terrano and Mike Galvaik working buoy 20 on sand eels and killies. Fluke were also taken in the Meadowbrook bridge area where there are also still substantial flounder populations. A 4¾ lb. fluke was caught in Swift Creek by Carl Smith. Snappers are a hot item off the marina piers.

A call from **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of excellent fluking in Reynolds channel during the weekend with a 5½ lber. being weighed in at the station taken in the east end of Reynolds on a killy squid combo. Kevin and Don Kineally joined forces to hoist a 16 lb. blue that fell to a mackerel chunk at the BA. We are also informed that a 271 lb. yellowfin tuna was caught aboard the Betty Ann III, but without any further details.

The bluefishing aboard the **Captain Al** this week was anywhere from good to spectacular said the skipper. On Monday blues ran 1-6 lbs. with big weaks to 14½ lbs. scattered into the catch, off the Jersey Coast. Tuesday the boat fished the 3 Sisters area and on Wednesday the Fire Island for 2 to 6 lber. Thursday customers had super action at Gilgo. On Friday, over 1,000 fish were taken on the boat that day for a dynamite catch. Saturday saw slaughter fishing at the Sisters and Cholera, fish 4-12 lbs. while Sunday was a pick at the Sisters and then the boat shooting over to 17 Fathoms for super session on gorillas to 20 lbs. Dr. Ken Delackner of Bayside had 20 blues to 19¾ lbs. Al said this was probably the best Sunday's catch of the year and that those reading the report should note that Saturdays and Sundays have never been crowded on his boat. Al noted the fish are not in the same spot 2 days in a row and you've got to burn the fuel to find and then catch the fish, with experience paying off. The skipper said his new motto is "if your last bluefish was a bust, a trip on the Capt. Al is a must."

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** tells us the fluking continues to improve with some days being excellent. Tuesday's AM trip had J.L with 9 keepers and Carl Nerlich with a 5½ lb. pool winner. JL returned Thursday for 10 more good ones. Things went well on Wednesday's AM trip with high hook being 14 keepers and in the PM Stan Mazur taking 8 keepers plus the 3 lb. pool winner. Saturday AM was good with Mark and Molly Strans taking 15 fluke while Vince Cassidy had 7 plus a 4 lb. pool fish. Things slowed in the PM but nonetheless Georgiana Mackney

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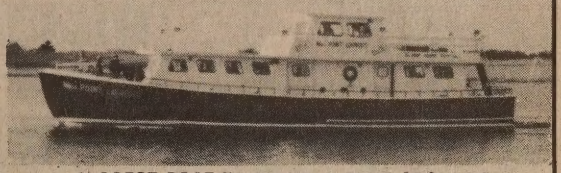

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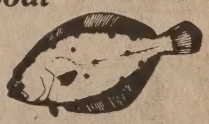

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On the charter boat **Marie III** Friday night's bluefish trip for the Don Vass group did very well at the Sisters fishing SE of Jones. They had 5 to 10 lbers. in the PM, 10 to 20 a man. Saturday's night trip for the Allan Fritz party had a leap job on 3-6 lbers anywhere from 10 to 53 fish sa man. Sunday's diamond jigging at 17 fathoms ended up with super fishing in the PM on 4 to 10 lb. blues.

Erwin Gelbart and his son Marc fishing on their boat "A-Machaya" out of Oceanside along with Jim O'Reilly of Rockville Center and Charlie Sutri from Thailand, landed 2 brown sharks approx. 100-125 lbs. and one hammerhead approx. 250 lbs. in 140 ft. of water SE of Jones Inlet. All fish were tagged and released. Also caught a mess of bluefish.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook comes word of a 5 lbs. 6 oz. fluke caught off the Jones Beach Pier on a squid sand eel combo by Hubert Henville of Rosedale on Saturday. Fluking picked up from Thursday on said Charlie with Jones coming alive at both turns of tide. Reynolds and Duck Point along with the piers were good also. A new body of fish seems to have moved in with sand eel squid combos working best. Plenty of snappers all over the place now up to 8 inches. BCCs excellent and increas-

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Dave at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach also notes the upswing in fluke with the bigger ones off the Cedar Hurst yacht club on the north side of the channel fihs this week up to 5 lbs. 11 oz. Some weaks and blues at the ABB on chunks and fillets, between the bridge and Bannister Creek. Bluefishing outside slowed for umbrella draggers. Aboard the Compass Rose VI at the Texas Tower Jim Heidrich and Billy Smith had makos of 92 and 197 lbs.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Tackle** in East Rockaway we're told of continued good floundering at the Meadowbrook bridge and an upsurge in the fluking at the channels, off Riis Park and in Reynolds Channel off the high school this week. BCCs very good at Bay Park and behind the shop with snappers also hot in this area.

Sitting on Jamaica Bay, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** tells of Frank Liama with his weakfish of 8½, 13¼ and 13½ lbs. taken on whole bunker along with 13, 3-5 lb. blues, all on outgoing on Friday evening off Floyd Bennett Field. It was a happy Herman Medina who bagged his 7¾ lb. weak on a bunker chunk at the Marine Parkway Bridge on the ebb and it was an even happier George Ogden who bagged a 13¼ lb. weak fishing off the North Channel bridge swimming a lot of bunker on the ebb. Lots of porgies and snappers off both bridges and BCCs pretty active.

Over in Sheepshead Bay Charlie at **Mike's Tackle** called the bluefishing a little slow this past week on some of the trips but sea bass and porgy fishing fair on local wrecks and rocks. Ling fishing has been excellent said Charlie with fish up to 4 lbs. Bluefishing has been very good on medium size fish with day catches better than the nights. Charlie said fluking was only fair this week due to the timing of the tides.

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** called the day bluefishing pretty good all week long, though the fish must be sought out and chased since they're moving around. Even so he said catches ran from good to excellent right through Sunday. A few 7 to 11 lb. weaks mixed in everyday with the 1-5 lb. blues. Sunday saw a few bigger blues caught. Several legal striped bass have been mixed in as

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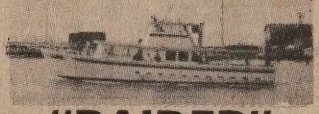
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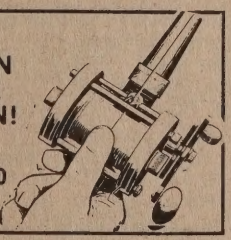
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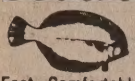

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well as a sprinkling of bonito. Night trips were poor to fair Saturday and Sunday due to the full moon. There is a good smorgasbord around said Walt.

Skipper Al Coley of the **Betty W. III** noted a tremendous increase in bluefishing from Thursday on. Saturday there was also a tremendous number of 6-15 lb. weaks mixed into the catch. After the moon, the night trips picked up too. Saturday and Sunday combined, roughly 200 stripers were caught, 50 of them being keepers with a lot of 23 inch fish caught and thrown back, being just 1 inch short. These fish ran 1-15 lbs. Nights have been seeing 2 to 3 lb. blues with fish moving.

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** rated Sunday's fishing as excellent with a ton of ling and lots of blackfish caught. Porgies still hit and miss but they are there in loads according to divers and the recorders. Some very good sea bass days were had during the week. The ling are running 4-5 lbs. The evening trips consist mostly of blues with occasional bass and weaks, all on jigs.

A call from the **Elsie K III** told of the excellent fluking for the last 2 to 3 weeks mainly at the channels and off the Highlands with high hooks into the 30s on keepers. Sunday's high hook was 20 and the pool fish hit 7 lbs. even. The skipper says things should remain excellent through September. On Sunday 40 fluke went over 3 lbs. with a 7 lber. taking the pool.

Captain Bob Rochetta put a lot of school bluefin aboard the charter boat **Rainbow II** on Wednesday fishing south of Montauk at the Butterfish Hole. The bluefins ranged from 30-160 pounds, took whole butterfish or diamond jigs. Some yellowfin tuna were taken trolling small jet heads or green machine lures. Saturday's tuna trip successfully boated a giant bluefin which weighed 578 pounds.

A full moon night trip on Friday with Frank Mambuca and his friends on the **Caprice** didn't locate any stipers. However the group loaded up with bluefish and weaks to 10 pounds in weight. Saturday's and Sunday's trips for porgies at Great Eastern loaded up on porgies to three pounds, four pound sea bass with Jeff and Bob Bunt on Saturday.

Edelman's "Bullit" fished only three hours near the Hooter Buoy at Block Island on Saturday, however Bob, Lou, and Rosemary Rosado, and friend Nancy caught 20 fluke, with seven of the fish weighing over 7 pounds.

Jim Grubb returned to the **Star Island Yacht Club** with bluefin tuna of 75 and 100 pounds, fishing on his boat "My Toy II" with friends Maxie Maxwell and Doug MacVittie. Jim noted that most of his hook ups occurred just after setting up. The fish were boated after about a half hours battle on 50 pound test line, spooled on a 6.0 reel. Lots of whales were noticed in the tuna grounds over the weekend.

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

There were a few, still plenty of bluefish and fluke and porgies in a couple of choice locations based on our usual calls for this report.

WESTERN SOUND

The **Klondike VIII** from **New Rochelle** had a good week on bluefish although Sunday was a bit slow. The boat was carrying crowds to the Eaton's Triangle and occasionally to Smithtown for mid-sized bluefish. Occasional large fish showed in the catches, too, including one 19 pound alligator.

Jim DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** said that buckets of porgies were the rule now for boats fishing off Harts Island. Besides the good porgy action, there were still flounder available. Chunkers were taking bluefish in the 10-15 range.

Phil Nasi at **Glen Cove Sport Shop**, a source of fine reports and a few laughs as well, will be leaving for the west and filed his last Long Island report. He mentioned Johnson's 19.12 and 4 fish in the 12-15 range by Art Miller and Ron Oldenburg when we asked him about bass. Richie Cook's 27 pounder still leads the store's contest. The best fluke of the season, an 8.9, was weighed this

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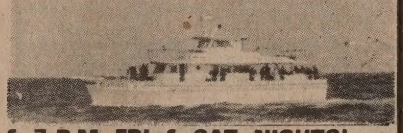

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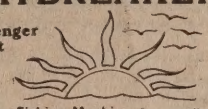

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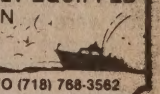

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NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar was "singing the same tune" at **Huntington Prop**. He weighed a 12¼ pound fluke for Alexis Iaconno, a fish that took a squid-and-spearing bait off Centerport. Fish in the area between Sand City and Centerport were numerous and size-able with a lot of fluke over 3 pounds and an occasional doormat. Russ Helfer and his son had an enormous catch of porgies on Tuesday with many fish better than hand sized. Worm trolling off Marshall Field produced many small bass.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** mentioned Bill Mazer's 16 pound striper and Richie Schaller's 23 pounder as fish of the week. He explained that there were some scup to 1¼ pounds around and that fluke catches were sometimes in the 10-12 fish per boat range. Billy Collins has been hitting the solid concentration of blues in the Triangle with the **Ever Ready**. Most are 2-6 pounds but a few larger fish are there as well. The night trip on Saturday was the best of the year so far. A few blues in slammer size were reported under bunker schools in the harbors.

Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport** called to report a nice catch of 5 fluke to 3¼ pounds for Joe Zihal off Sand City. Their best blue this week was an 8 pounder and customers seem to be doing quite well with the new Sekora jigs.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** explained that there were a lot of bunker around and that the big blues were moving in underneath them with a blitz of 12-16 pound slammers off Shoreham. Jim Mazza and Claire Hunter had a strange encounter off Hagermans early Sunday when they hooked a 17.12 alligator off Hagermans. Hunter fought the fish to the boat and Mazza had to head for shore to beach the big fish. They were fishing from an 8 foot dinghy.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** had buckets of porgies per boat in mixed sizes with a lot of small scup. Fluke in that area were mostly bare keepers with the Pink House and Flax still the best producers. Lots of 2-3 pound bluefish were around as well.

NORTH FORK

A run of summer weakfish seems to be developing in the Peconics now according to Sal Loria of **Captain Marty's** with most of the fish over 1½ pounds. John and Ed Kowalski and John Zielinski had 23 scup, 15 weaks, and a couple of bluefish and blowfish off Buoy 28 on Saturday, and a few catches of 70 or more scup were taken from the Tower area. John Mergerson

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is still scoring on his porgies with fresh skimmers as chum.

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** explained that there was a little of everything up on the Sound. Unfortunately there were no large bluefish to speak of, although the small fish were still numerous. Liz at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** saw a few porgies over 1½ pounds in excellent catches east of the inlet and weighed one 8 pound weakfish.

The **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** in **Southold** saw 6 weakfish from the Greenlawns last week and a few scup off Jessups, according to the report from Ace Cottral. Some porgies were off Petty's as well with a showing of flounder at the Point. One of the private boats had 8 bass to 22 pounds on Saturday night.

Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in **Greenport** was still talking about plenty of big bluefish at Pigeon Rip and down in the Race. He said that fluking action had gotten better and that porgies were showing really well. The shop weighed a few bass in the 30s plus one 54 pounder last week, too.

A marked improvement in fluke catches now seem to be the rule in the Gardiner's zone. Clark Bellows of the **Prime Time III** saw 13 fares take 47 keepers out of a haul of more than 600 fish on Friday with half of the fish taken around the turn of the tide. Larry Ciccotto said that Sunday was also very good by this season's standards with 12 fares accounting for 50 keepers. A number of 18 inchers in the 3 pound range were in the haul, and the best fish went 5 pounds.

Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star** described the porgy fishing as "super" with Monday through Wednesday as "fantastic" days. Tuesday was a one-stop affair! There have been some super shots east of Gardiner's with a fair pick on the Sound on Sunday.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Captain Bob** is now porgy fishing up on the Sound near Mattituck and has found a solid body of fish east and west of the Inlet in 40 feet of water. Ceglowski tells us that there are a few large fish to 1½ pounds with mostly mediums in the buckets.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Blame it on last week's influx of cooler temperatures or the downside of the moon but whatever the cause, many surfmen were grateful for a respite from the poor fishing or recent weeks. Surf fishing came alive in several areas with the most notable action occuring along the south shore beaches from Smith Point (Mastic) clear out to Montauk. Bluefish, most of which were in the 3-5 pound class, hit many beaches along the stretch while another body of 10-12 pound choppers appeared along some sections of South Fork beaches.

Chris Salb of **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** said that 'all hell broke loose here on Saturday afternoon'. Two schools of fish, one consisting of 3-4 pounders and another of 10-12 pounders came ashore east of Shinnecock, at Sagaponack, Mecox and many East Hampton town beaches. Crazed casters, many tourists quickly cleared the shelves of Hopkins, Kastmasters and Striper Swipers in an effort to cash in on the action.

According to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** there was solid action with 3-4 pound blues on Saturday afternoon at the Towers just west of Hither Hills. Fish showed in other places as well but not in the same intensity. Fish were taken on tins and poppers equally well. Some fish were also along the beaches on Sunday. Joey Bragan racked up the biggest blue of the week, a 17 pounder taken after dark in a wet suit. There was some school bass activity around the Point as well.

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Ray and Tom Sherry used worms to take 10 school bass including a couple of keepers from between Evans Rick and Jones Reef. Sam Rispoli scored with several schoolies at Shagwong on late night tides.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** got wind of lots of blues along the beach at Smith Point, Quogue, Westhampton and the west side of Shinnecock beginning Friday and carrying through the weekend. He looked over a catch of 30 blues to 5½ pounds taken by Dave Hasel at Cupsogue on Sunday. He also reported some action with bass and weaks on the east sides of both Moriches and Shinnecock Inlets this week. Also talk of some bass taken on night tides from Moriches' east side jetty.

Some school bass action with a couple of fish to 12 pounds picked at Robert Moses on Danny Plugs and poppers this past week.

According to Tom Healy of **Augie's** in **Babylon** there was action with small blues on the back side of Democrat on Friday and Saturday and talk of a few nice bass falling to casters at Cedar Beach in recent days.

Further west Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh** put a striper of 27.4 pounds on the scale for Bill Brandt of Hicksville on Friday morning. The fish was taken at West End 2 on a bunker chunk. Mike also spoke of some weakfish action in Jones Inlet this past week and knew of a fair number of short bass taken on Redfins from the West End 2 jetty.

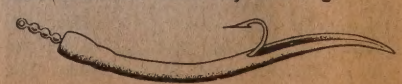
Up on the North Shore, big blues showed along the beaches in the **Rocky Point** area according to Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. Eric Schmidt used a Redfin to take a 13 pounder, Mark Hearns had a 13¾ pounder while another caster clicked with a 17 pound chopper. Schools of bunker along area beaches triggered the arrival of the big choppers which have been in the area since last Friday. Most of the action is occuring in the early morning with an occasional showing of fish evenings.

Also some activity with legal size school bass along Smithtown area beaches after dark.

Over at **Four Winds Tackle Shop** in **Huntington** George Valentine spoke of a few cocktail blues along Caumsett, Crab Meadow and Lilco beaches. No word from Sunken Meadow of late. Here and there some bigger blues show on the tails of bunker schools but this is very unpredictable fishing.

Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Tackle Shop** in **Northport** spoke of some action with 4-6 pound weaks along area beaches the first half of last week. They were taken after dark on eelworms and jointed Rebels.

Word from Phil Nasi from **Glen Cove Sport Shop** concerned the showing of 8 pound class blues along area beaches Saturday evening.



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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

Some good action with largemouth bass highlight this week's reports as a fair number of four to five pounders were weighed in at local tackle shops. Not surprisingly, most of the better scores have been made either early or late in the day. Trout fishing continues to be on the slow side, while carp, panfish, and catfish, are ready and willing to provide action to those who seek them out.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook** reported that small bass were biting well in Grant Park. Over in Hempstead Lake, one angler nailed a 4 pound largemouth late Friday Evening. Virtually all the action to be had occurs before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Charlie added that there are plenty of carp and catfish hitting in the local lakes and ponds.

Bobby Turturello of **Causeway Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Wantagh**, had only one report to file but it certainly revealed that some quality fishing was taking place. Although he could not reveal the exact location, Bob reported that George Bingel and Jeff Dollbach combined to take five largemouths from 4.5 to 5 pounds this week. The pair used small catfish baits to do the damage.

From Fred Laager of **Edleman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, we learn that Brian Clarke used light cahills and grasshopper imitations to fool a 14'' brown and two brook trout within the confines of Caleb Smith State Park on Thrusday. Brian released all three trout and cautioned that fishing flies tight to the bank was the only way to make the fish hit. Fred added that several anglers tried Lake Ronkonkoma this week with poor results.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani told us that carp are still a daily affair in Hawley's Pond. Outside of that, there have been few freshwater reports of late.

Tom at **Augies Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**, informed us that Pat DeFlippo is the unknown angler who we reported last week as taking a 3.5 pound bass. This week, there were quite a few small bass taken from local ponds as well as a few carp. Bass fishing in Carll's River has been good.

The word from Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters** is that panfish are your best bet at Lake Ronkonkoma. Plenty of white and yellow perch, as well as bluegills and catfish which are taking night crawlers or other live baits. Bass fishing is strictly a morning and evening affair. Try bright color spinnerbaits and fish deep for the best action.

The word from **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, is that the bass in Lake Ronkonkoma are hitting plastic worms or crankbaits worked deep during the early morning hours. Largest bass weighed in this week went about 4 pounds. Trout fishing in Connetquot River State Park has been slow.

From Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle Shop** of **Patchogue**, we hear that a few tidal trout are still being pulled from local creeks. Panfishing has picked up in the Patchogue lakes, and a few small pickerel were caught and released in Cannon Lake. Tom Vanderkief used a night crawler to fool a four pound bigmouth while fishing in the Mill Pond.

Lots of small bass were taken this week at Yaphank and Artist Lakes according to Al Schreier of the **112 Sportsman's Center** in **Medford**. Frank Marone had the best bass this week, a 3.13 pounder caught in Artist Lake. A few small bass and rainbow trout were caught this week in Southaven Park.

Out east at the **Fisherman's Deli**, George Devlin reported that not many anglers put in time this week. Those that did however, were well rewarded. On Saturday evening, Bob Bliss of Westhampton Beach used a hula popper to nail a 21", 5.5 pound largemouth while working Wildwood Lake. Steve Jackson found the fishing on Forge Pond to be even better Sunday morning, taking three bass to 5.15 pounds. Steve used jelly worms to take his bass. George also mentioned that there are plenty of catfish and bluegills in the river for those interested in catching them. Use worms for bait.

"Just unbelieveable!" is the way that Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** characterized the brown and lake trout fishing on Lake Ontario. The charter boat fleet has been working 55 to 80 foot depths over 85 to 100 feet of water and consistently taking 8 to 10 pound lakers and 6-16 pound browns. A few king salmon have even mixed in for good measure. Black and silver Evil Eye Spoons, trolled 15' behind a downrigger, have produced the most fish. Some excellent smallmouth bass action has also gotten underway. One angler, working near Webster, used small grass crabs to take 100 bass in eight feet of water earlier this week.

Finally, the Long Island Chapter of Bassmasters held a tournament on Lake Ronkonkoma last Sunday. Jerry Thompson led the way, taking first place overall with 13 pounds of bass and the largest fish of the tournament, 5.3 pounds. Jerry used a "mud bug" to rack up most of his points. Billy McGivney took the runner up slot weighing in total bass of 8.10 pounds.

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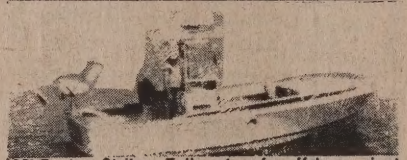

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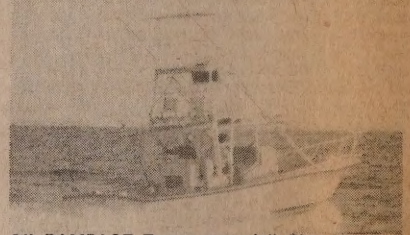

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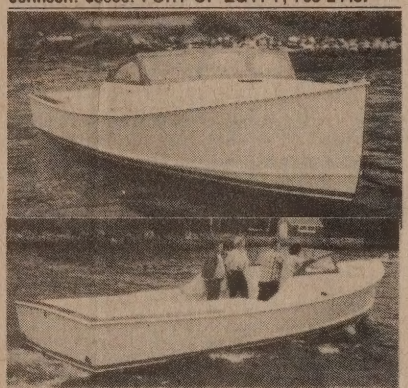

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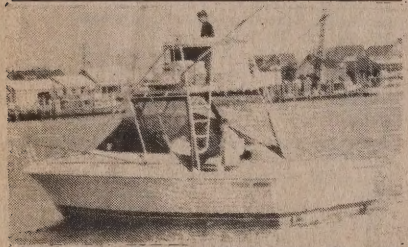

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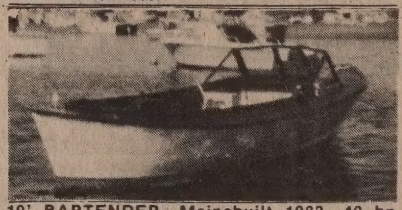

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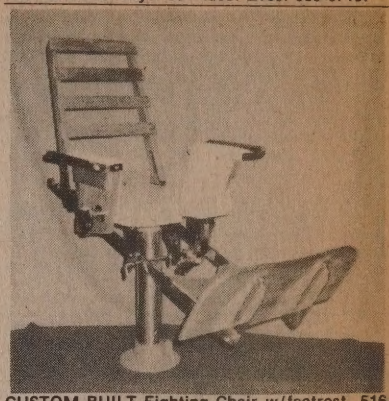

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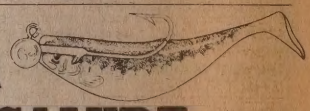

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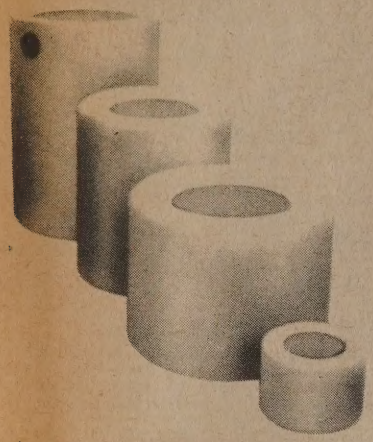

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